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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2015
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs E Wallace (Chairman), Court, Lawson, Queded & Wilson.

REPRESENTATIVES: Len Adsett (Bowling), Terry Reilly (Football), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments) & Nev James (Pythons)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk) and 0 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Linden Knight (S&SC), Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Liz Burt (Horsham Matters), Cllrs Clarke, Henly and Hare advised that they were unable to attend.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2015 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report - From meeting on 28th May 2015

Item 2 – Minutes- Clerk's Report- Additional Updates

James Heimers, on behalf of Pulborough Cricket Club (PCC), responded to the Parish Office's letter regarding the state of the changing rooms as follows:

- No food or drink should ever be taken into the changing rooms - What is the reason for this? It seems somewhat extreme that food and drink cannot be taken in the changing rooms and does not seem like something that we will be able to enforce. I do not think it is appreciated that cricket meet times are generally around lunchtime and obviously carries on into the evening, therefore most players will turn up with food / drink and the changing rooms is the only place to consume this. Every effort is made to leave the changing rooms in a reasonable condition. I would question the points made about Vodka bottles etc on 23/24 May. On the Saturday no such items were in either changing room and on the Sunday the Home Changing Rooms contained no such items, and the Away changing room was occupied by a team largely containing under 16s.

The Parish Office has reiterated that food and drink has never been permitted in the changing rooms, and any rubbish should be placed in the bins.

- Absolutely no smoking in the changing rooms. Please note that smoking in a public building is a criminal offence - At no point has anyone ever smoked in the changing rooms, either from the home or away team. I can only assume that they have blown in from outside. We will continue to ensure that no one smokes in the changing rooms.

It was also suggested, from the Pulborough Cricket Captain, that a football AGM had been held at that time, so the cigarette butts could have come from that event.

The Parish Office advised that it was difficult to believe that the cigarette butts had blown in and even if visiting teams were responsible PCC needs to ensure that their visitors comply with the rules.

- All bags to be placed on the benches - I will pass on the message to players and make sure this is enforced by the captain on the day.

The Parish Office have provided the caretaker with sign off sheets for each changing room, asking club members to confirm that the changing rooms have been left in a clean and tidy state.

The Parish Office have also suggested that a representative of PCC attends these meetings.

Additional Updates

The Assistant Clerk has advised PCC and the Football Club of the dates the new football team need to use changing rooms 2 & 4 and requested that their teams use the other changing rooms.

7. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football

Terry Reilly advised that Pulborough Football Club (PFC) were under the impression that the new football team would be playing on the main recreation ground, which would cause problems. The Assistant Clerk advised that the new football team are playing on Cousins Way recreation ground. They have been allocated changing rooms 2 & 4 and the Assistant Clerk has requested that the PFC and the cricket club use the other two changing rooms when the new football team are playing, dates of which have been sent to both clubs.

The Assistant Clerk also advised that it has been reported to the Parish Office that taps were left on in the changing rooms and the double doors were left un-locked overnight, at the weekend. Terry advised that the football club only had an event on over the weekend and did not use the changing rooms. *Subsequent to the meeting, it was confirmed that this incident actually occurred after PFC trained on Tuesday night, and not over the weekend. Terry Reilly has been informed.*

Allotments

Mr & Mrs Nunns advised that plot 27 (which is now un-allocated) and inside the ditches along Cousins Way recreation ground need strimming back. The Assistant Clerk will get the Groundsman to carry out this work.

Bowling

Len Adsett advised that one of their players got through to the Sussex County finals.

It was also reported that the rail going up the steps on the footpath from the car park is very wobbly. The Assistant Clerk will arrange to get this fixed.

Pythons

Nev James confirmed that he has given a year's notice to resign, so this will be his last season as Manager.

Nev reported that the goal post covers that the Groundsman fitted have gone missing again. The Assistant Clerk will ask the Groundsman to look at this matter again.

Three teams have been signed up again ready for the next season. With regard to the 4th team, Nev has not heard from the person running that team, so they haven't been registered.

Nev advised that a presentation evening was held at the S&SC, which raised £200 and a representative of the league presented the medals. It was a good evening, apart from one issue of the BBQ catching fire, and no fire extinguisher being available to use as it had been used the week before and not replaced. The R&OS Committee instructed the Assistant Clerk to send a letter to the S&SC reminding them of their responsibilities regarding safety and safety equipment should accidents like this occur.

Youth Club

Liz Burt of Horsham Matters was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report, which the Assistant Clerk read out:

Ben Sheldon has officially taken over as Community Youth Work lead in Billingshurst and Pulborough from Dan Jenkins. Dan has gone to work full time for Chichester Diocese as their Youth Officer. Ben is working closely with a Horsham Matters colleague - Sasha Lindgren (currently completing her youth work degree with Brighton University). Ben also works part time for St Mary's C Of E in Billingshurst as their youth worker.

Pulborough Youth Club trustees took the decision a few weeks ago to stop the Wednesday evening youth club whilst they are prepare to step down from their responsibilities in the Centre. Discussions are still going on regarding Horsham Matters taking over the youth centre and using it as a base for youth work in the area. We will keep you up to date with any progress here. Horsham Matters is very keen to retain a youth centre in Pulborough and use it to support young people locally.

Sasha has been working alongside The Purple Bus (mobile youth provision) on a Wednesday instead of running the youth club. Numbers of young people using the Bus have been low.

Over the summer Ben and Sasha plan to increase the detached work in the village, develop an after-school club (youth centre dependent) and run occasional summer holiday mobile skate ramp sessions or other outside activities. In addition to this they are encouraging young people to sign up to a holiday at Windmill Hill with PGL. As a District wide team the Horsham Matters Youth Workers aim to take a minimum of 30 young people away on this PGL holiday.

Both Ben and Sasha continue to attend occasional training courses to increase their knowledge and expertise. These are usually 'issue based' courses such as safeguarding, how to support young people self-harming, anger management etc. The youth workers support young people who are facing specific issues (mentoring). They will support, advise and encourage the young people through meeting up regularly. They often provide practical tools for the young people to use to help cope e.g. how to remain calm instead of becoming angry, what is a healthy relationship and advise on who can help if things get bad.

One of their current aims is to increase the number of volunteers for both Billingshurst and Pulborough.

Another part of their role is to keep in contact with other agencies and community organisations. This helps to share information locally.

Ben Sheldon's contact details are: email: ben.sheldon@horsham-matters.org.uk, mobile: 07763 302456.

Meeting Dates

The Clerk would like to arrange a meeting with Cllr. Qusted, Cllr. Clarke and a representative from the Stoolball Club, the Football Club and the Pythons so that the terms of each club's new license, from April 2016, can be discussed. Cllr. Qusted suggested next Monday or Tuesday evening. The Clerk will confirm the date and time asap.

Date of Next meeting: 10th September 2015

Meeting closed at 8.09pm

..... Chairman

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