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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2014
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Henly, Lawson, Queded & Clarke.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr & Mrs Pete Nunns (Allotments), Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr Terry Reilly (Football), Mr Nev James (Pythons), Mr Len Adsett (Bowling) and 1 member of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Walsh, Gill & Spillane.

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2014 were received agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

24. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football Club

Terry Reilly reported that the first team have only just played their first game, since January. The second team lost their game. He also advised that the fixtures are so far back, the league has advised that they are going to start playing the cup games.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised that things were starting to dry out, however more rain is due. It was also noted that teenagers have moved the small metal goals, to use them, to the bottom bit of the recreation ground. This part of the ground already has churned up soil, so has now been made worse. It was suggested that they are either moved or locked up, but it was felt that it will be quite negative to lock them up. Therefore Fred will move them to where the new Harwoods fence is, and if he sees the teenagers moving them again he will tell them not to, as he has done before.

Allotments

Mr Nunns advised that it was still too wet for many allotments holders to attend their plots. It was also noted that a shed had blown down, but Fred had sorted that.

Cllr. Wallace advised that she and the Assistant Clerk visited the site and all seemed well, but Cllr. Wallace did have to re-tie a shed door closed. The Assistant Clerk advised that having viewed the broken fence, at the bottom of the new allotments, she will write a polite letter to the resident concerned, requesting that they move the broken panels to their side of land, and request that the fence is replaced when the weather improves.

Pythons

Neville James reported that they had played potential league champions, on the previous Sunday, and they had only lost 4-2 with 10 boys, so the team were quite encouraged by this. There will be 11 players for this Sunday's game.

It was noted that there are 3 more games, 2 home, 1 away, left. Neville commented that, having played Worthing Strikers recently, whose pitch has been ruined, for the rest of the season by continuous play, the decisions Fred has made, to cancel some games, had been the right thing to do.

Neville advised that Carol Bonniface, the Welfare Officer, has resigned, so the league have stepped in, but The Pythons are now trying to recruit one of the parents.

Finally, the under 10's team could potentially win their league, Neville will keep us informed. They will start recruiting again for next season.

Bowling

Len Adsett reported that things have been quiet, but they will be getting the green ready soon for the new season in April. It was noted that the bowling club is open to the general public and advertising is in place. However, one article in a Horsham paper had advertised all the Sussex bowling clubs, but Pulborough had not been asked, and so was not included. It was suggested that the bowling club advertise in the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk was instructed to include it in the next available edition.

Len advised that the fixture dates are in with the sports clubs, the churches and the Parish Council.

Len confirmed that, for people who have not played before, there is always someone to show them, and Monday night is club night.

Youth Club

Cllr Wallace reported that she had met with Jane Roach, but had no further update.

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 27th March 2014

Meeting closed at 7.46pm

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