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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2016
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs E Wallace (Chairman), Clarke, Court, Hare, Henly & Lawson.

REPRESENTATIVES: Neville James (Pythons), Terry Reilly (Football), Barrie Feest (Cricket) & Linden Knight (Social Club)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Norman (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ben Sheldon (Youth Worker), Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments), Len Adsett (Bowling Club) & Cllr Queded advised that they were unable to attend.

19. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2015 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

20. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Pythons

Neville James firstly thanked the Council for the recent grant which will be used to purchase new kit for the boys.

The Under 16 team is having a very successful season and have played 10 and won 10. If they win the next match they will be guaranteed promotion. There will be only one more home game this season.

There are now only two other teams; under 12's and under 13's. The under 13's team are currently third in the table but the under 12's are not fairing as well with only one point this season. Neville reported that Dean is working hard with the boys in this team and hope to build up next season. There are no very young teams and there seem to be no youngsters coming through despite having one of the lowest charges in the area; £35 per season charge plus £30 match fees for the season. This is coupled with a lack of enthusiasm from locals with a problem in attracting volunteers to help run the teams.

Members noted that this meeting may well be Neville's last as, after 9 years, he is standing down from his role at the Pythons, having given notice before the start of this season.

Members discussed the lack of enthusiasm and Linden Knight said that the Council should do more to promote the clubs. The Clerk reported that she does ask clubs for input to the Community Bulletin. Linden requested that he be copied in on the requests and he will chase clubs for editorial.

Football Club

Terry Reilly reported that the team hasn't played for 2 or 3 weeks. They have won the last three resulting in them being unbeaten in 7 matches. There are only 7 matches left this season.

Cricket Club

Barrie Feest reported that the kit had now been removed from the Committee room and had been put in the score shed.

The indoor nets training would be starting next week before the season starts again on Saturday 30th April.

Before the season starts, Barrie requested permission from the Committee for the Stoolball to be asked to contact him and the Groundsman before removing the covers on the square when they play friendly matches on Wednesdays. Whilst he has no problem with the Monday league matches (he has five days to ensure the square is dry and playable for the weekend), if the square is allowed to get wet from Wednesday onwards he cannot ensure that it is ready for the weekend. After discussion, it was AGREED to relay this request to the stoolball club in readiness for the start of the season.

Social Club

Linden Knight reported that the lights over the patio were still tripping out. The Steward reported that he had tried to contact the electrician who installed the lights but had not been able to reach him. The Club would shortly be replacing the bulbs but there was no guarantee that it would not trip out again and therefore the electrics of the building need to be investigated. The Clerk reported that this issue was due to be discussed at the following Committee meeting.

Bowling Club

Cllr Henly passed on thanks from the club for the replacement handrail. The Club would be renewing the white edgings of the steps shortly.

Date of Next meeting: 11th February 2016

Meeting closed at 7.48pm

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