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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Clarke, Quedsted, Lawson, Mills, Henly, Wilson & Gill.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr Terry Reilly (Football Club), Mr Nev James (Pythons), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments) and Mr Maurice Woolgar (Cricket).

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Linden Knight advised that he was unable to attend.

14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September 2014 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report

Item 11 – Clerk's Report – Additional Updates

Lisa Richards advised she hasn't got a football fixture list, but a friend/neighbour advises her every week when there is football training on, so she knows when to clean.

Item 11 – Clerk's Report – Representatives' Reports – Snooker Club

Fred advised that the light bulbs in the snooker room did need replacing and now the lights are working.

Item 11 - Additional Updates

The lock to the access door to the changing rooms has now been changed. Lisa Richards and the Parish Office are the only key holders.

15. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Allotments

Mr & Mrs Nunns had nothing to report, but asked if all the allotments plots have been allocated, as some are not maintained. The Assistant Clerk advised that there were 6 plots to be allocated, with a waiting list of 6. Allocations will most likely be done in January 2015.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised that he has received numerous reports of ruts appearing in Pocket Park, where the diggers for Harwoods have been at work. A Twitter post led Harwoods to advise that they will look into this matter.

Cricket Club

Maurice Woolgar reported a recent vandalism incident, whereby the security fence panels had been pushed over. The Contractor came out to put them back up, and nothing further has happened since. If a further incident does occur, the Contractor will look at putting a picket type fence up.

Maurice advised that the Cricket Club's AGM is on Sunday 23rd Nov 2014. Following the AGM, new names may appear on the cricket club list, especially since the Chairman has stood down. Maurice also indicated that he may not stand as the cricket club representative next time.

Football

Terry Reilly reported that the 1st team had a bad start, but have now picked up, and the 2nd team are well placed with a good mix of youngsters.

Terry asked Maurice Woolgar if there was any chance access could be made through the security fencing, as players are having to climb over it, to retrieve footballs. Maurice will make sure access is available through one of the panels, but asked that the football team make sure it is put back after use.

Bowling Club

Cllr. Henly advised that now they are in the winter season, the bowling club is closed. Cllr. Henly is helping with the fixtures, and has been made an honorary member. It was also noted that a Sussex County team will be coming in May 2015.

Cllr. Henly advised that another person maybe representing the Bowling Club soon.

Pythons

Nev James reported that the cheque to the Parish Council had gone missing, but was now resolved, and has been paid. Nev queried the lack of invoice from St. Mary's, for the use of their two pitches. The Assistant Clerk will check with the Clerk, and report back. Nev commented that the two teams playing at St. Mary's did think the size of the pitches were too small, and the grass too long, but they will have to accept these problems, as no alternative is available.

Cllr. Clarke confirmed that the Pythons application for a grant will be formally approved at next week's Full Council meeting.

It was also reported that there are 3 teams playing at the moment, an U11's, U12's and an U15's. The U12's are having an average season, but the U15's are top of the table at the moment. The U15's have had 11 new players, 9 from Roffey, and 2 from Pulborough, and next Sunday they are playing in the Quarter Final of the Challenge Cup.

Hopefully there will be 4 teams playing soon, after a meeting with a perspective U9's manager, that Nev is having shortly. There are still no players for an U7's & U8's team.

Nev advised that the goal post hole covers have been removed by a third party, and as he has been unable to find replacements, he requested suggestions from the R&OS Committee. The R&OS Committee instructed the Assistant Clerk to investigate possibilities, but also asked Fred if he would be able to cut some wood posts to fit into the holes.

Date of Next meeting: 15th January 2015

Meeting closed at 7.54pm

..... Chairman

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