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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON  
THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2015  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Clarke, Henly, Queded, Court, Hare, Lawson, Tilbrook & Wilson.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments)

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

***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Liz Burt from Horsham Matters Ltd (Youth Club), Len Adsett (Bowling) & Fred Bushby (Groundsman) advised that they were unable to attend.

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 2015 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**Clerk's Report - From meeting on 9th April 2015**

Item 26 – Minutes- Clerk's Report- Representative' Reports- Social Club  
The replacement windows and doors have now been fitted at the S&SC. The top fascias are still to be fitted pending approval of a disconnection quotation.

Item 26 – Minutes - Representative' Reports- Social Club  
A quotation for outside lights at the S&SC has been received and will be discussed at tonight's R&OS meeting.

**Additional Updates**

The Assistant Clerk advised that the Caretaker is unhappy about the state of the changing rooms, after the Cricket Club used them last weekend. Glasses and empty vodka bottles (which were not from the S&SC) were left in there, along with crockery in the urinals. Also, cigarette butts were found. The Cricket Club have been told to leave any kit and bags on benches, to enable the floor to be cleaned, however they are still being left all over the floor, and are too heavy to lift, so the floors cannot be cleaned properly. The Committee instructed the Assistant Clerk to formally write to the Cricket Club, highlighting the following points:

- No food or drink in the changing rooms.
- Absolutely no smoking in the changing rooms. It was noted by members that smoking in a public building is a criminal offence, and the Cricket Club need to be made aware of this.
- All bags to be placed on the benches.
- One person to be appointed to check all changing rooms at the end of the day, and sign something in the changing room to show they have been checked.

It was noted that whilst it might be the away team that have left the changing rooms in this mess, it is still the responsibility of Pulborough Cricket Club to make sure they are left in a tidy state.

Members also instructed the Assistant Clerk to arrange for 'No Smoking' signs to be placed in the changing rooms. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Caretaker confirmed that there are 'No Smoking' signs already in the changing rooms.*

Whilst writing to the Cricket Club, a current fixture list will be requested, so that the Caretaker knows when they will be playing. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Caretaker advised that she has been told there is no hard copy fixture list, but they can be viewed on their website.*

One other point that the Caretaker raised was that a mat has been left on the floor and is now sodden and smells. The Caretaker would like the Committee's approval to take this away if it has not be removed on the Caretaker's return from holiday on 8th June 2015. The Committee agreed to this.

### **3. CLUB LEASES/LICENCES 2016**

As no representatives for the clubs were at the meeting, no names and addresses could be confirmed for the leases/licenses for 2016. The Assistant Clerk will, therefore, make contact with the existing contacts for confirmation, after this meeting.

### **4. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### Allotments

Mr & Mrs Nunns advised that they have spoken to the Groundsman about the overgrown verges, and he explained that he has been unable to take the new tractor to the allotments at present, as the vehicle registration is still pending. However he will be able to use trade plates to take it over next week, so he will cut the verges then.

It was also reported that allotment plots 22, 25 & 27 have not been maintained recently. The Assistant Clerk advised that she had made a note of all those plots on her last inspection, and was due to re-inspect them shortly. The Parish Office did receive a call from plot holder 25 recently, who advised they had been unwell and would arrange to have their plot dug over very soon. The Assistant Clerk will send Mr & Mrs Nunns a plan of the plots with the relevant plot numbers.

#### Youth Club

Liz Burt from Horsham Matters was unable to attend this meeting, however she sent the following report regarding the Youth Club:

## An update on Pulborough

Tanesha has been leading on Pulborough Youth Club on Wednesday evenings over the past year with support from Dan Jenkins and the PYC Management Team. The team have concentrated on the younger teenagers.

Dan Jenkins left his post at the end of April. Ben Sheldon has been appointed the new Community Youth Worker for Billingshurst & Pulborough and starts on 1<sup>st</sup> June. During May we employed, Sasha, another youth worker from our team who has been overseeing the work at Billingshurst Youth Club and Pulborough Youth Club.

Sasha has also been spending time developing a volunteer campaign, supporting the Youth Council in Weald and putting plans together for PYC moving forward.

Horsham Matters is in discussion with PYC and WSCC regarding a reassignment of the lease to Horsham Matters. Progress is being made but the paperwork has taken more time than originally expected.

Last week PYC gave Horsham Matters notice to shut the Wednesday Youth Club from 20<sup>th</sup> May. Numbers have gone down over the last few weeks and they feel it is time to step back from the club.

In response to this we are talking with the Purple Bus (mobile youth provision) who have been visiting Pulborough on a Wednesday evening. Sasha is speaking with the Purple Bus manager tonight. We hope that they will continue coming to Pulborough on Wednesdays over the next few weeks while the transfer of the PYC lease is completed. Sasha will offer to work alongside the Purple Bus and, therefore, maintain access to youth work for young people in the village for this interim period. I will update you when I know more.

Sasha and Ben will also be doing some detached work over the coming weeks with the lighter evenings.

### Key points for Pulborough

- we aim to maintain a weekly youth club
- we would like to increase the use of PYC once the lease is reassigned
- we continue to visit the Weald and support Pulborough young people wherever possible
- we are developing a summer volunteer campaign

Ben Sheldon will be your main point of contact from 1<sup>st</sup> June – [ben.sheldon@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:ben.sheldon@horsham-matters.org.uk) 077763 302456. He is working 18 hrs a week for St Mary's Church in Billingshurst and 19 hrs week for Billingshurst & Pulborough as Community Youth Worker. Sasha Lindgren – [sasha.lindgren@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:sasha.lindgren@horsham-matters.org.uk) – will be working 10 hours a week for Billingshurst & Pulborough as a Community Youth Worker, supporting Ben and focusing on PYC & Billingshurst Youth Club.

Also, we will respond to needs as they arise and during the summer are planning some outings and events across the district for young people to get involved in.

**Date of Next meeting: 11th June 2015**

Meeting closed at 7.52pm

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