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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON  
THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2014  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Buck, Clarke, Lawson, Henly & Gill.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Linden Knight (Social Club) and Mr Maurice Woolgar (Cricket).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nev James and Len Adsett advised that they were unable to attend.

**11. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2014 were received agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report

Item 8 – Clerk's Report - Representatives' Reports- Allotments

One further quotation has been received for clearing the ditch, which will be reported on under Clerk's report at the R & OS meeting.

Fred Bushby has one more shed roof to repair, no. 2 in the 'old' allotments, and this will be done, hopefully, by the end of this week.

Item 8 – Clerk's Report – Additional Updates

Fred did have the key to the single shower room, and has now given this to Lisa Richards.

The Assistant Clerk requested the football training fixture list from Terry Reilly in July, but as yet it has not been received. This will be chased again. Lisa Richards needs this, otherwise she does not know when to clean.

Item 9 - Representatives' Reports- Allotments

The first allotment in the new part has been taken over by a new allotment holder.

Item 9 – Representatives' Reports – Groundsman

Fred has been given a list of all the equipment listed on the insurance schedule, but has not had time to detail how old the equipment is, and how often he uses it etc. However Fred has advised that he will need a new tractor within 6 – 12 months. Fred will look at costs, and report back to the Parish Office. This matter will then be included in the R&OS agenda for 9th October 2014.

Item 9 - Representatives' Reports – Snooker Club

Fred advised that he will check the light bulbs in the snooker room, however he has not had time to do this as yet.

Item 9 - Representatives' Reports – Pythons

The F&P Committee agreed to the expenditure of two teams using the pitches at St. Mary's School.

Additional Updates

A plan of the Pavilion was sent to the Football Club, the Pythons, the Cricket Club, Fred Bushby, the Snooker Club and the Stoolball Club, asking them to mark which keys they hold to which door. Despite chasing we have not received a reply from the Football Club, the Pythons, Fred Bushby or the Snooker Club. The Assistant Clerk would like to request that all clubs and Fred send back the plan, marked as requested. The Stoolball and Cricket Club do not have a key to the access door to the changing rooms. This matter will be added to the R&OS agenda for 9th October 2014, to decide if the locks should be changed.

**12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Cricket Club

Maurice Woolgar advised that the last cricket match was played last Saturday, and marks the end of the season. Phase 2 of the renovation work of the cricket square has started and is going well.

The piles of excess soil, by Pocket Park, are being used to form a small bank, with a flat base, to stop balls going to the undergrowth. The bank will be as close to the tree line as possible, and will be done over the next 7 working days. The security fencing will have to stay up over the winter, as the surface will be quite vulnerable, and the fencing will avoid people walking over it. The Groundsman asked if the Contractors will make good the grass when complete, Maurice confirmed they will.

Finally, Maurice advised that unfortunately the club has been relegated to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division of the Sussex League.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby reported that he has been extremely busy with other maintenance work, other than the cutting of grass on the recreation ground.

Fred advised that now Harwoods have fenced off their area, he has nowhere to put cuttings, so he is putting them by the containers in the car park, but to avoid other people throwing their rubbish there, he asked if he could fence that area off, which would need just 2 fence panels. The Committee AGREED that this was acceptable. It was suggested that a skip is hired each year to clear it out. Fred will review the situation over the next year.

It was noted that a hedge cutter was stolen whilst Fred was on the recreation ground, but Fred was unable to apprehend the thief, in time. The matter was reported to the Police and Fred will now lock up the storage at all times.

Social Club

Linden Knight reiterated that things were still a struggle financially and they are still spending lots on repairs. Linden advised it will only be about 6 months before they are asking for the rental to be deferred. They are currently a non-profit organization, unless they consider putting their prices up, which they are reluctant to do.

**Date of Next meeting: NO MEETING IN OCTOBER**

Meeting closed at 7.58pm

..... Chairman

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