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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2016
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Hare, Lawson and Qusted

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Linden Knight (S&SC), Mr Mike Walsh (Snooker Club) and Mr Barrie Feest (Cricket Club)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Knight (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr and Mrs Nunns, and Cllrs Clarke and Court had advised that they were unable to attend.

11. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2016 were received, agreed and signed as an accurate record.

12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cricket Club

Mr Feest reported on the unfortunate recent two division drop of the club, its position in the league, and the increasingly low club membership. It was proving very difficult to retain members or attract new members, which is felt to be significantly attributable to the more attractive club facilities in neighbouring parishes.

The Committee noted the Council's aspirations to improve the Sports Pavilion and that it was very keen to progress matters: This item is on the Full Council agenda for next Thursday 15th September 2016, when some new initial plans for the building will be discussed.

Snooker Club

Mr Walsh reiterated the availability of the snooker facilities free of charge for young people through the Youth Worker. The Youth Worker has been advised and he and Mr Walsh will liaise direct. Mr Walsh advised that the club will also be advertising for new members shortly and is hoping to grow. The potential new facilities and housing of the various clubs within the proposals was discussed briefly.

Responding to a query, Mr Walsh advised that there are currently three snooker tables, one being a match table: Although all three are not always used simultaneously, frequently three or four nights per week they are all in use, particularly during matches. It was noted that this would need to be looked at in any new build proposals in order to maximize available space as it may be necessary to allow for only two tables.

S&SC

Mr Knight commented on the potential for grant funding for sports premises and community projects and advised that he had researched a number of sources. Whilst the bar and social club elements themselves were unlikely to be eligible for funding, he highlighted the important support role that the Sports & Social Club bar provides to the various sports groups. It was noted that certain cricket club leagues will only accept membership from clubs with bar facilities.

The meeting was advised that the Council is not looking at altering the footprint of the Sports Pavilion and is considering incorporating the Youth Club. Any proposals are at a very early stage with no formal proposals or decisions yet but it is envisaged that a Working Party could be set up shortly with stakeholder representation and there is a clear aim from the Council of taking things forward as soon as possible.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for on 13th October 2016. Mr Walsh advised he will not be able to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

..... Chairman

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