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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs E Wallace (Chairman), Court, Hare, Henly, Qusted & Wilson.

REPRESENTATIVES: Lisa Richards (Caretaker), Mike Walsh (Snooker), J A Hooper (Stoolball), Deane Farrell (U12's Pythons).

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.34pm

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Liz Burt (Horsham Matters), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments), Fred Bushby (Groundsman) and Cllrs Clarke & Lawson advised that they were unable to attend.

9. MINUTES

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

Clerk's Report - From meeting on 9th July 2015

Item 7 – Representatives' Reports- Bowling

The rail going up the steps on the footpath from the car park has been removed, rather than repaired. This will need to be replaced in the near future. *Cllr Henly advised that the Bowling Club have requested that the steps be altered and instructed the Assistant Clerk to add to the R&OS agenda for the October meeting when this can be discussed.*

Item 7 – Representatives' Reports- Pythons

A letter was sent to the S&SC reminding them of their responsibilities regarding safety and safety equipment. Fred Bushby advised the Parish Office that the BBQ had been cleaned and the cause of the fire was because too many burgers and sausages were being cooked on the BBQ and the fat burnt. He also advised that all the fire extinguishers have recently been checked by an external party and were found to be in a good condition and in the correct places.

Additional Updates

It was reported to the Parish Office that the football team playing on Cousins Way recreation ground, the Patriots, cut turf from one part of the recreation ground to replace damage turf on the marked out pitch. The Assistant Clerk has advised the Patriots that this is totally unacceptable and as the Parish Council will now have to re-turf and re-seed this area, the Parish Council will be looking to re-claim the costs from the Patriots. The Patriots completely acknowledge that this was unacceptable and will pay the costs to re-turf the area. All correspondence relating to this matter is in Councillor's packs for the R&OS meeting, which follows this meeting, under Additional Correspondence.

10. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Stoolball

J Hooper advised that they have had some problems with the cricket club stopping their game and saying they should not play where they are. It seems the cricket club are worried about their cricket square. J Hooper advised that the stoolball team don't play on the cricket square, just on the edge although they do have to stand on the square, but they don't cause any damage. The Committee instructed the Clerk to contact the cricket club to advise that the stoolball team can play where they are.

The season is now finished and they think they are 5th in the league, but there may be some more points to be given, which could alter the positions either way.

J Hooper advised that they were unable to get into the club house to do refreshments for their tournament the other week, they did eventually get hold of someone, but they were expecting Fred Bushby to open up for them as he has before. The Committee instructed the Clerk to speak to Fred about this matter. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk confirmed that the arrangements to go in the club house are made between the stoolball team and the S&SC and so should be taken up with the S&SC representatives.*

Snooker

Mike Walsh apologized for not giving the Parish Office a key when they changed the locks recently, this was done because there had been some trouble in the snooker room. The Parish Office now have a copy. Mike advised that the club is breaking even financially. Mike queried an invoice of £110.00 from Pulborough Parish Council, when he thought that no monies were owed. The Committee instructed the Clerk to look into this. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk has confirmed that an invoice hasn't been issued and no monies are owing.*

U12's Pythons

Deane Farrell advised that 15 boys have been signed up to the team, but they have no home pitch as the school will not allow the U12 Python team to continue to play on their pitch. Deane asked the Committee if a pitch could be marked out towards the Pocket Park end of the recreation ground and approximately 6m away from the cricket square. Deane has spoken to Fred who agreed this was acceptable. The pitch is smaller than the adult Python pitch. This will only be needed for this year as the team will then move to Nev James' pitch. The new pitch will need to be marked out by this Sunday, when the next home match is.

The Committee AGREED to this providing Deane confirms with Fred each week, that the ground is suitable and that Deane advises Barrie Feest of the cricket club. Deane agreed to this.

Deane also requested keys to the Pavilion so the boys can use the changing room facilities. The Committee AGREED to this providing Deane advises Lisa Richards when they are playing, so that she is able to clean the changing rooms afterwards. Lisa Richards advised that Nev James had a key to the Pavilion, but Deane didn't think he had. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to check the records in the Parish Office. In the meantime Lisa Richards agreed to open the Pavilion and close up afterwards, for this Sunday only. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Parish Office records show that Nev James signed for the Pavilion key on 17.11.11. Deane has been advised to get the key from Nev and if he doesn't have it, the key will need to be re-cut, but at a cost to the Pythons.*

Youth Club

Liz Burt of Horsham Matters was unable to attend the meeting, but Ben Sheldon, the Youthworker, sent the following report, which the Assistant Clerk read out:

Over the summer, both myself and Sasha ran some detached work, aiming to meet young people, and talk about what sort of provision they would like to see in their area. We have spoken to a few young people, and had requests for a youth club. We then ran a Fun Day for young people in the area. This was held on "The Rec", and we had a great turnout of 26 young people, all of whom would love the opportunity to have a youth club for them, that they would be able to go to each week. We took some contact details, and said we would let them know as soon as we knew anything.

I have been involved with the Think Family Neighbourhood team (TFN) for Pulborough, within this scheme we are looking at the idea of starting a mentoring scheme, this would involve giving young people the opportunity to develop in an area of particular interest to them, so that they can grow. We are currently looking into a venue for this group to start up.

PYC - we are now awaiting a meeting between the county council, Horsham Matters, and Governors to discuss the use of this building. We are still very keen to take it on and start a youth club running from this space. However we just have to be patient and wait until we hear anything more.

Myself and Sasha are continuing to run detached work in the area, and are hoping to meet more young people as we go along.

I have built a good relationship with Brinsbury College who have very kindly said that if we wish to run any one off activities there then we would be able to, without a charge, which is brilliant. I have started to put together a plan of things that we would be able to do with this offer, e.g. a "lads retreat".

11. CHANGING ROOMS AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

The Committee received details and photographs of incidents that have occurred in the changing rooms recently, namely lights being left on, empty glasses being left in there, rubbish and kit being left in there and boots being washed in the sinks. The Assistant Clerk advised that all representatives of the sports clubs have been sent this information, along with the agenda for this meeting, and a request to attend this meeting so the situation can be discussed. The Committee were disappointed that no-one from the sports club, who use the changing rooms on a regular basis, were in attendance this evening. The Committee instructed the Assistant Clerk to add this matter to the next R&OS agenda for discussion and to email all sports club representatives to say the Committee is disappointed that no-one attended this meeting and to advise that any kit or belongings left in the changing rooms by the end of September will be removed and disposed of. Lisa Richards advised that

Pulborough Football Club leave the changing rooms in a good condition and the problems were mainly with the Cricket Club.

Date of Next meeting: 8th October 2015

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

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