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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Court, Hare, Qusted & Lawson.

REPRESENTATIVES: Nev James (Pythons), Barrie Feest (Cricket Club), Jennifer Hooper (Stoolball), Terry Reilly (Football Club), Linden Knight (Sports & Social Club – S&SC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Before the meeting commenced, the Assistant Clerk advised that as Liz Wallace has resigned from the Parish Council, Cllr. Henly has offered to chair the next two meetings before a new Chairperson is approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council, if agreeable with the Committee. Members AGREED to this.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ben Sheldon (Youth Worker), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments), Len Adsett (Bowling), and Cllr Clarke advised that they were unable to attend.

25. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2016 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report – From the meeting held on 11th February 2016

Item 22 - Minutes - Clerk's Report - Cricket Club

A reply has been received from the Stoolball Club regarding the square covers. The Assistant Clerk has replied to ask a representative from the Stoolball Club to attend this meeting so a mutual solution can be agreed. The Cricket Club have also been asked to attend this meeting and a copy of the stoolball letter was sent to them, asking for their comments.

26. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cricket Club & Stoolball

Jennifer Hooper and Barrie Feest discussed the issue of removing the covers on the cricket square when the Stoolball Club play friendly matches on Wednesdays. Jennifer advised that the Stoolball Club need to be advised around 5.30pm if they need to cancel their match on a Wednesday because the covers can't be moved. Nev James suggested that if the Stoolball Club couldn't play on their normal pitch then they could play on one of the Pythons pitches further down the recreation ground, as they do not play on Wednesdays. Jennifer advised that this makes it difficult taking the chairs and table down to the area and they wouldn't be that near to the toilets. Another difficulty is the surface of the Pythons pitch, which has an effect on ball play.

After some discussion the following was AGREED:

- Jennifer and Barrie will liaise with each other as near to the time of 5.30pm, on a Wednesday, as possible, if Stoolball have to cancel their match. On the odd occasion this may happen Stoolball will use the Python pitch as an alternative.
- It was commented that there are many accurate rainfall apps that can be utilized to ascertain the weather and it was suggested that the Stoolball Club use one of these to determine, themselves, if their game would have to be cancelled and or moved to the Pythons pitch.

Barrie commented that the Cricket Club do not wish to stop the Stoolball Club from playing, they just need to make sure there is time to have the cricket pitch ready for weekend matches.

The Assistant Clerk advised that there were no fixture details on the Cricket Club's website. The Caretaker needs to know when they are playing in order to clean the changing rooms. Barrie advised that he will ask James Heimers to update the website or forward the fixture dates to the Parish Office.

Pulborough Football Club

Terry asked who the new lease was sent to, the Assistant Clerk will find out from the Clerk. Terry advised that it should be sent to Colleen Pearce. Terry also commented that he didn't think the training area was mapped out on the new lease. The Assistant Clerk will check with the Clerk and come back to Terry.

The Assistant Clerk asked when their last game was. Terry said it was difficult to say as they had 6 or 7 games left to play and they won't know for a month when the last one will be. It is most likely to be the last weekend in April.

S&SC

Linden advised that the black mould over an internal wall in the room be the end of the bar seems to be coming through the other side of the door. Linden said that he has asked some local tradesmen in an unofficial capacity if they could determine what was causing the mould, but no reasons have been identified. The Assistant Clerk advised that she would add this to the next R&OS agenda for discussion, but in the meantime could Linden forward photographs to the Parish Office. Linden said he would.

Pythons

Nev advised that there are 3 teams playing; the U12's haven't done so well and so they will be relegated. The U13's are top of their division and the U16's were promoted 2 games ago and they could potentially get to the 1st league.

Nev said this would be his last meeting as he is stepping down from his post. Nev asked about the lease and who would need to sign it. The Assistant Clerk advised that the Clerk is dealing with his enquiry, sent by email.

Finally, Nev reported that they had no Welfare Officer again as the previous person resigned. They need to get one for next season otherwise they will not be able to play, but he will endeavor to sort this issue.

Youth Worker

The Youth Worker was unable to attend, but sent in the following report:

Youth Centre is up and running with newly painted walls, and new furniture which was donated by Horsham District Council. The young people's comments as they came in were "WOW!! It's so cool, you've changed it loads!" which was brilliant to here.

We are now up to 10 young people on the register, so things are slowly going up. We will soon be putting out some more publicity to try and boost our numbers of young people.

We are still looking to replace the lead youth worker role for the club.

Plans are now underway for the Family Fun day in Pulborough on the Rec on the 3rd June. Providing all is okay.

Thank you for all you support of the youth work in Pulborough.

The Assistant Clerk advised that Ben has asked for use of the Sports Pavilion car park to practice installing their skate park. Ben has been advised that this will be put on a R&OS agenda for discussion, once dates are known.

Date of Next meeting: 14th April 2016

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

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