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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 30th JANUARY 2014
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Henly, Lawson, Qusted & Walsh.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr & Mrs Pete Nunns (Allotments), Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr Terry Reilly (Football), Mr Nev James (Pythons) and 1 member of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Norman (Clerk) & Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Clarke, Gill & Spillane, and Mike Walsh (Snooker Club) & David Joliffe (Youth Club).

20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2013 were received agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

21. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football Club

Terry Reilly reported that the wet weather had reduced the amount of games played. The first team are mid table, and the second team are near the bottom, and may get relegated this year. They've played two games since December.

Terry advised the light by the tractor shed is not working, which is resulting in difficulty when getting the equipment out. Fred Bushby was asked to see where the lights are actually located and report back to the Parish office who will investigate repair.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised it has been very wet. It was noted that Harwoods have fenced off their section of Pocket Park, which includes the area where the Groundsman have historically dumped their grass cuttings and leaves. Therefore, an alternative site for this, needs to be identified and Fred suggested a timber frame structure be erected.

Fred reported that the football club training pitch was too wet to play on, which impacted on the Python teams and it was agreed that they could play on the area towards the bandstands, on the condition that the pitch was only lightly marked out.

Allotments

Mr Nunns thanked Fred Bushby for putting the sheds back up. The fence at the end of the plots needs to be replaced. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the resident to ask them to replace it.

Pythons

Neville James reported that they had only had a few games since 5th December. They had managed to play away at Goring the previous weekend, and had won 4-1. It was noted as Fred had reported earlier that it had been necessary to move the pitch and that both Fred and the Parish Council office had been consulted on this action.

With regard to the clashing of the Pythons pitch and the football training pitch, Neville reported that the Pythons had moved left, rather than up and that the two pitches had always been very close.

Neville reported that unfortunately the weed killer mixture used to mark the pitch out had been too strong, and has resulted in much stronger markings of the pitch. However this had proved to be advantageous as the poor weather had resulted in him not being able to mark the pitch as frequently as normal and if the lines had not been as severe the pitch markings may well have been lost. Neville also recalled that the Committee had given permission for him to use weed killer to mark the pitches, until 1st March (to ensure grass grew back in time for the start of the cricket season), rather than a blanket ban.

It was noted that there are only 3 games left, and the season will be finished by the end of February.

The use of the St. Mary's pitch was working ok, however the current building works at the school were having an impact and affecting the run off area of the pitch.

Due to geographical difficulties it is difficult to have all thirteen members of the under 14's team to attend training sessions. Therefore the football club have invited those boys interested to join the men's team for training, which will be good for the transition of members from junior to adult football.

The team is currently fourth from top, on 15 points.

Finally, Neville reported that there is a possibility of the under 7's team, being replenished in numbers.

Youth Club

Cllr Wallace reported that she had visited the club, the previous week, and a new female Youth Worker has been employed, and is settling in.

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 27th February 2014

Meeting closed at 7.47pm

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