

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee was held at Pulborough Social Centre on Thursday 11 September 2003 at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Botting (Acting Chairman) Mrs C Barnett
Mrs H Grey Mr B Vincent

Representatives

Mr P Cooper (Allotments) Mr B. Feest (Cricket Club)
Mr J Jupp (Football Club) Mr E Steele (Bowling Club)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Leadbeater (Groundsman) Mr P R Lee
Mr K Speer (Men's Club) Mr A Steele (Rugby Club)
Mrs L Speer

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2003 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4 PULBOROUGH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

ACTION

Mrs Botting enquired whether the new constitution was nearing readiness. None of the representatives present knew. It was noted that there should be a representative of the Sports & Social Club at this Committee in future. Mr Jupp reported that, with two representatives on the committee of the Sports & Social Club, all appeared to be running smoothly and that all finances were being monitored stringently. Whilst the Rugby Club paid its membership fees, it did not involve itself in the AGM. Mr Vincent asked if the Club accounts were now properly audited.

Clerk

Regarding the Club AGM, Mrs Grey suggested that each Club should have its own AGM before the overall AGM. Mr Jupp suggested that, before the PSCC AGM, nominations for Chair should be Sports Club oriented with an independent Treasurer and Secretary. Any problems arising from the current set-up should be the ultimate responsibility of the Parish Council. To deal with the problem, Mr Jupp suggested that an EGM should be convened to allow the Parish Council to take independent control. Mr Cooper indicated his willingness to take on this role, depending on the conditions offered. Mrs Botting proposed a recommendation to full Council to this effect. Mr Vincent seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

Clerk

It was agreed that the Rugby Club must be contacted to ascertain their views and Mr Vincent said he would do this. Meanwhile, thoughts on Secretary and Treasurer were required.

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The proposed EGM was scheduled for 8.15 pm on Tuesday 11 November 2003.

Clerk

5 PULBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

No representative was available to report.

6 FUTURE PLANS

This item was deferred.

7 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS

1) Allotments

Mr Cooper said that the ditch clearing had gone very well and for a reasonable price. There was now a full complement of tenants and Mr Cooper would undertake the creosoting of the sheds himself. As to replacement of sheds at 4 per year, this was too many as, in his estimation, 2 per year from 2005 should be adequate. Requests for toilet facilities were not practical.

Bonfires remained a vexed question, as plot holders cannot have them, but householders can. He proposed that the Parish Council should consider a proposition to allow a limited number of bonfires per annum and that the Parish Council should write to inform neighbouring residents.

PC

Mrs Grey asked if allotment holders were each to be allowed one of the new 'green' wheelie bins, but it was thought that collection would be difficult for the truck, even if HDC agreed.

2) Cricket Club

Mr Feest reported on their very successful season, resulting in an invitation to join the County League. He was complimentary about the refurbished showers and said that warnings had been issued regarding cleanliness and general behaviour.

3) Football Club

Mr Jupp reported that the season had just started and the biggest concern was the state of the field, lacking grass, as it was usually regarded as very good. Bad weather this winter could make it a real mess which would result in the Cricket Club having a very poor outfield next season. The field had become very weedy, particularly with plantain and the contractor who had sprayed it had agreed to return free of charge. Whilst this time of year was ideal for reseeding, the ground was too hard for the slitter.

4) Bowling Club

Mr E Steele reported that with one more match to go, the Club had enjoyed a very good season. On the down side, he reported some damage to the edge of the green by some lumps of rubble and a footpath sign which had been thrown over the fence.

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An appeal was made for the reinstatement of three dog bins removed by the District council in Rectory Lane, by the cricket nets and by the boundary fence.

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Clerk**

5) Mini Rugby Club

Mrs Botting said that she had spoken to Mr Leach and been reassured that the Club did not expect to stay in Nutbourne and realised that car parking was only temporary. They were looking forward to returning to the rugby pitch.

It was noted that there was a problem with parking on the grass at the recreation ground. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to all clubs regarding 'no parking' on the recreation ground and that signs should be erected directing vehicles to the car park.

Clerk

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 6 November 2003

The Sports Representatives left the meeting at 8.20 pm

ITEMS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

9 OTHER MATTERS ARISING

1) Bollards.

Members noted that retractable posts had not yet been installed at Nutcroft to permit the Groundsman access to Cousins Way. It was reported that this job had now been given to Rob Hook who was awaiting delivery of the posts. Forestry Enterprises had been chased concerning the broken posts in New Place Road.

2) Shower Heads

Whilst those in the shower rooms at the Pavilion were not specifically anti Legionnaires Disease, they should be treated against the Disease from time to time.

Clerk

10 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Members received the report on the recent playground inspection. The Assistant Clerk reported that the requested quotation for repairs had still not been received.

The state of the play area in the centre of Stane Street Close was commented on and the view expressed that it would be better fenced off, with a high fence and gates at each end. Raglan Housing did not want to spend any money but there might be a grant available.

11 MAINTENANCE QUOTATION

The quotations for Mason's Way play area and the allotments ditch were thought reasonable.

Note: Specific authorisation needed in order to proceed.

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12 PAVILION MAINTENANCE PLAN

An oral report was delivered on the meeting with the surveyor, which had not yet yielded a written report. Briefly, the rear part of the building was good enough to support a pitched roof, but the part occupied by the Social Club was in poor condition. It was suggested that the Healthcheck Project might provide an opportunity to apply for a grant towards the cost of building a new Pavilion.

Clerk

Mrs Barnett reminded the Committee that last year a notice was sent out to the Clubs regarding cleanliness in the changing rooms and showers. In view of the recent widely praised cleaning and painting, it was agreed that this should be reissued to reinforce the message.

HG/LS

Mrs Grey and Mrs Speer undertook to work out a routine for inspecting the cleanliness of the changing rooms.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

14 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Clerk

1) Rent

As the Clubs' rent had not changed for some time, it was thought wise to find out what others charged for similar facilities. Mr Kiverstein, Chairman of Finance & Policy, should also be consulted.

Clerk

2) Parking on the Recreation Ground

Mrs Barnett suggested that any organisation that wished to park on to the recreation ground for a specified function should apply in writing to the Council and on approval, a letter of authority would be sent to their Chairman or Secretary. Mrs Botting said the recent visit by the Church Fellowship fell exactly into this category.

3) Bye Laws

Mrs Barnett reminded Members that the bye laws were not displayed at the Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

.....Chairman

.....Date

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