

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Village Hall (Pulborough Social Centre) on Thursday 27 May 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mrs J Botting
Mrs H Grey Mr D Boulton
Mr N Ryan

Representatives Mrs E Henly (Bowling Club) Mr B Feest (Cricket Club)
Mr J Jupp (Football Club) Mr J Leadbeater (Groundsman)
Mr D Boulton (as above - Chairman PSSC)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Mr P Cooper (Allotments) Mr A Steele (Rugby Club)

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2.1 Matters Arising

ACTION

(i) Bowling Club

It was reported that there had been no further action in respect of the fence. Mr Henderson had undertaken to obtain quotations for discussion with the Parish Council. Mrs Henly said that she would speak to Mr Henderson.

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3 SPORTS PAVILION

Mr Boulton said that the exterior looked excellent following recent painting and decoration. The Cricket Club was very pleased with the improvements. Mr Boulton circulated a copy of a possible plan for the development of the pavilion which was in accordance with advice from a Senior Planning Officer. The design would obviously need to be agreed with the Parish Council but funding was an issue. In the meantime, the roof had been repaired and was holding.

4 BYELAWS

The Committee discussed proposed revised Byelaws for the recreation grounds and agreed that these were more comprehensive than the ones currently in force. In view of current problems on the grounds, it was agreed to add a prohibition on flying model aeroplanes.

Mrs Botting proposed that the Committee should recommend the adoption of the proposed revised Byelaws to Full Council subject to the addition of a prohibition on flying model aeroplanes. Mr Boulton seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

Clerk

It was also agreed to check what action was possible to enforce the Byelaws. Members wondered whether the Parish Council would be empowered to impose fines on offenders or to attach stickers to parked cars.

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Members noted that several of the bollards installed to prevent parking had been removed. Mrs Barnett and Mr Ryan undertook to check the land deeds to try to clarify the Parish Council's boundary. **ACTION**

5 MSF CHARGES

Members noted that the MSF Administrator had agreed the following charges with the Parish Council.

SPORT	PREVIOUS CHARGE		NEW CHARGE	
	FULL	<18s/OAPs	FULL	<18s/OAPs
TENNIS	£4.00	£2.00	£4.50	£2.25
NETBALL	£8.00	£4.00	£9.00	£4.50
FOOTBALL	£6.50	£3.25	£7.50	£3.50
LIGHTS	£2.50 per hour		£3.00 per hour	

Mrs Barnett proposed that the Parish Council should order a new sign to display the charges. Mr Ryan seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously. Mr Jupp asked – and it was agreed - that the sign should provide a slot for the contact number. **Clerk**

6 BASKETBALL PRACTICE AREA

Mrs Barnett said that she was concerned that parked cars on the practice area prevented children gaining access. The Committee agreed that the area was not in an ideal location: it would be better adjacent to the Multi Sports Facility. It was agreed to review the location in the winter with a possible view to applying for a budget for moving the area in the next financial year. **Clerk**

Mrs Botting proposed that the Parish Council should install posts and chains – or a similar barrier – in the meantime. Mr Boulton seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously. **Clerk**

7 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS

1) Sports & Social Club

Mr Boulton said that the Club was really successful under the new Officers. The past year had been expensive in terms of maintenance. The Club had fitted a drain by the cellar and rodded the drains in the car park.

2) Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter thanked Mr Jupp for taking down the football posts. He said that the rugby posts were still standing. It was agreed to ask the Rugby Club to remove the posts by the end of June. Mrs Barnett said that the posts on the Cousins Way recreation field prevented young people from playing football.

Mr Leadbeatter said that the grass was growing well. Landcare Services had advised against liming the pitches. He asked whether the north and south entrances of the play area could be surfaced with tarmac. Mr Boulton proposed that W Allfrey should be asked for a quotation for tarmac surfacing.

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Mrs Barnett seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously. **ACTION**

Clerk

Mr Leadbeatter said that the locks at Nutcroft and at the gate to the Cousins Way recreation field had been removed again. Mr Feest said that high security padlocks would cost about £70/£80 each. It was agreed that it would be a waste of money to replace the locks at Nutcroft. Mrs Botting proposed that the Parish Council should purchase a high security padlock – with 4 keys - and chain for the Cousins Way recreation field from Burgess & Randall. Mr Ryan seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

BF/JL

3) Cricket Club

Mr Feest reported that the Cricket Club had won its first match in the County League. He said that the Club was very pleased with the two rooms at the pavilion and that Pulborough Cricket Club provided the best teas.

Mr Feest said that promotion to the County League was a big step but that everything was going well. The score board was up and running thanks to the Sports & Social Club. The Club had 100 juniors and was using the ground at Watersfield for the 3rd team and some of the junior teams.

4) Football Club

Mr Jupp said that the Club had enjoyed a fantastic season with both teams winning prizes. They had achieved good sponsorship. The boys were training for an hour a night and the Club had enjoyed a good end of season do.

5) Bowling Club

Mrs Botting thanked Mrs Henly for a lovely evening; Mrs Barnett said that she regretted being unable to attend but would look forward to next year.

Mrs Henly said that the Club was not doing very well. Eleven people had attended the promotional event but only two had expressed interest in joining. The Club had been pleased to welcome a person with a disability who was doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award and a ten year old.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16 September 2004

Please note change of date

The Sports Representatives left the meeting at 8.45 pm

..... Chairman

..... Date