

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Village Hall (Pulborough Social Centre) on Thursday 16 September 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mrs J Botting
Mr J Denison Mr M Longridge
Mr N Ryan Mr B Vincent

Representatives: Mr A Steele (Rugby Club) Mr B Feest (Cricket Club)
Mr J Jupp (Football Club) Mr J Leadbeater (Groundsman)
Mr W Griffiths (Mini Rugby Club) Mr K Speer (Snooker Club)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Mr P Cooper (Allotments) Mr D Boulton (Sports & Social Club)

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2.1 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

ACTION

3 SPORTS PAVILION

Mr Vincent reported that the Developers had met Horsham District Council and had also held discussions with builders. They were planning an application.

The Committee were asked to consider the future use of the committee rooms as the Snooker Club would not be leasing them anymore. It was agreed that the rooms would be available for Parish Council and sports clubs meetings during the evening. Overall everyone felt that the rooms were well used and that, as long as a good diary system was in place, it should continue to work well. Mr Speer undertook to provide a diary.

KS

4 FUTURE PLANS

Mrs Barnett invited the Committee to suggest projects which might be proposed for inclusion in the Parish Council's business plan and the budget for 2005/05.

Basket Ball Court

Mrs Barnett wanted to put in a bid to move the basketball court from its current position as it was constantly being used for parking. Bollards were not suitable on this area as they would pose a health & safety issue. All members of the committee agreed that the court should ideally be moved but recognised that this was unlikely in the short term because of the high cost.

New Fence For Children's Playground

It was reported that Brian Tee (the Litter Warden) had spent many hours repairing the fence. It was a chain link fence and was easily vandalised. John Jupp recommended that it should be replaced with a

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weld-mesh fence. Alex Steele undertook to provide contact details of contractors who could advise on the suitability of such a fence and provide quotations for the work. **ACTION AS**

Dumping In Recreation Ground

Mr Barry Vincent reported that there had been some dumping in the car park. The Committee agreed to request a 'No Dumping' sign as a deterrent. **Asst Clerk**

Skateboard Ramp

The Committee agreed to bid for more money for extra pieces of equipment. **Clerk**

Keys

Mr Barrie Feest undertook to order 4 more keys for the gate to the Cousins Way recreation field. **BS**

Tree Survey

It was agreed that a survey should be done next year. **Clerk**

5 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS

1) **Football Club**

Mr Jupp said that the Club would like to utilise the existing fixings on the Cricket Club scoreboard for its new sponsorship board. The sign would be in place between 2 - 5 pm each match day. This was agreed.

Mr Jupp also requested that an extension to the Football shed should be considered. Mr Steele said that he had an alternative proposal.

2) **Groundsman**

Mr Leadbeater asked whether the Rugby Club could refrain from using the pitch on Sundays as the ground did not get a chance to recover. The Cousins Way ground was in good condition so it would make sense to use that area as much as possible. He also asked if the scrummage machine could have its position varied to relieve the wear on the ground. **WG**

3) **Cricket Club**

Mr Feest reported that the Cricket Club had enjoyed great success in the County League with all teams doing well.

4) **Rugby Club**

Mr Steele said that the Rugby Club was fit and ready for a new season with two full sides and a possible 3rd team. He asked for confirmation that the Club could obtain a new container for the storage of equipment to release space in the Football shed. The new container would need lights. It was agreed that Mr Steele would ask an electrician to provide advice on electricity supply and report back to the Clerk. **AS**

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Mr Steele said that the Club was going to withdraw its planning application for rugby facilities at Cootham and submit a new one for the North of the site. It was hoped that this would be more acceptable to the Gliding Club. This being the case, the Club hoped to move within 3 years. **ACTION**
AS

Mr Steele said that the Treasurer had questioned the validity of the increased rent and forwarded a cheque for the original rent. He undertook to check the license and to liaise with the Clerk over the correct payment for both Clubs. **AS**

5) Mini Rugby Club

Mr Griffiths said that the Mini Rugby Club continued to grow with 3 teams now playing regularly at the Nutbourne ground. Mr Steele said that parking at the main recreation ground had improved and he undertook to monitor the position. **AS**

6) Snooker Club

Mr Speer said that the season had started well. The Club required a new lease from the beginning of October. It was agreed unanimously that the lease should be for 5 years and that the rent should reflect the fact that the club would no longer be using the 2 committee rooms. Mr Speer said that the Trustees remained the same but the name of the Club should be changed to The Pulborough Snooker & Billiards Club. The Clerk undertook to confirm the proposed terms in writing and thereafter to instruct the Parish Council's solicitors.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm. The Sports Representatives left the meeting at 8.45 pm

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4 November 2004

..... Chairman

..... Date