

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Village Hall (Pulborough Social Centre) on Thursday 4 November 2004 at 7.30 pm.

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

Representatives: Mr J Denman (Mini Rugby Club) Mrs E Henly (Bowling Club)
Mr J Jupp (Football Club) Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)
Mr W Griffiths (Mini Rugby Club) Mr K Speer (Snooker Club)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM REPRESENTATIVES

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

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2.1 Matters Arising

(i) Sports Pavilion

Mr Vincent said that there had been no further developments.

(ii) New Fence for Children's Playground

It was reported that W Austen Fencing had provided a quotation.

(iii) Keys

Mr Leadbeatter said that Mr Feest had provided four sets of keys to the Cousins Way recreation field. It was agreed that one set should be kept behind the bar at the Sports & Social Club and another given to the Mini Rugby Club.

(iv) Mini Rugby Club

On the perennial parking issue, Mr Denman said that he had noticed traffic cones outside several of the houses adjacent to the main recreation ground. This caused additional parking problems. Mrs Barnett noted that Club members parked on corners, impeding visibility and causing safety issues. She had received several complaints and suggested that visiting clubs should be advised of better places to park in the area. She also asked the Club to co-ordinate its fixtures list with the Football Club to avoid extra parking problems. Mr Denman said that the Club was aware of the parking problems and had tried to arrange as many away games as possible. There was the potential for problems on perhaps two of the following dates: 14 November, 1 January, 27 February and 17 April.

Mr Leadbeatter suggested that the Club should use the Cousins Way recreation field instead of playing on the main recreation ground. Mr Griffiths said that parents were still concerned about dog fouling, although this had improved. He agreed to propose to the Club that the under 9s should move to the Cousins Way recreation field.

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**Asst
Clerk**

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On the question of storage, Mr Griffiths said that he would chase Mr Steele about the proposed container. **ACTION**

3 **CHANCTONBURY LEISURE**

Mrs Botting proposed that the Committee should invite Chanctonbury Leisure Centre to offer 'taster' sessions in hockey and netball. **Asst Clerk**

4 **ANNUAL BOWLING CLUB CHALLENGE**

Mrs Barnett asked Members and sports representatives to note the date of the Annual Challenge in their diaries:

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15 June 2005 **Reps**

She said that this was a fun evening. The Parish Council needed all the help it could get and would welcome the sports representatives' support. No experience was necessary.

5 **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS**

1) **Football Club**

Mr Jupp said that there had been no further action with regard to the fixings for the sponsorship boards. He complained that the Mini Rugby Club had allowed players to train in the middle of the football pitch and as a result had cut up the ground in the penalty area. Mr Jupp requested that they please keep to the touchlines. He said the Football Club was going really well.

2) **MSF.**

Mr Jupp reported that everything was going well. The new lights had made a big difference. He said that there were one or two places in the corners of the pitch where the surface had become slippery. He suggested that it would be a good idea to have some kind of disclaimer sign erected and requested that the manufacturers should be invited to come and take a look at the surface. The Clerk said that she would also ask Horsham District Council for advice, as there should not be any puddles on the surface.

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3) **Groundsman**

Jim reported that the traffic problems had been horrendous on the previous Sunday and several residents complained to him on the Monday. He suggested that matches should be staggered on Sundays. Mr Denman said that this could be considered for the future.

Mini Rugby

4) **Mini Rugby Club**

Mr Denman said that membership was now around 240. There was an extra age group this year and there would be another extra group next year. He said that the juniors played away mainly but the RFU required that Clubs must play at least four home games per season. Family membership had been agreed with the Sports & Social Club.

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5) Snooker Club

Mr Speer undertook to consider a new draft lease and to notify the Clerk of any amendments required. He said that the Club was quite busy with new members joining and a strong junior membership. The existing teams were doing well. Coaching sessions had been offered, but unfortunately there was not a great response.

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Mrs Barnett said that the mobile café would be on the pavilion car park for the next few Tuesday evenings.

6) Sports & Social Club

Mr Boulton reported that the Club was holding its head above water financially with membership money now coming through nicely. The toilets would need attention during the year.

In response to a question from the Clerk, Mr Boulton confirmed that there would be no problem if the Christmas lighting contractors wanted to work in the Committee rooms during the day. Mrs Barnett said that all Parish Council Committee meetings would be held at the pavilion on Thursday evenings during 2005.

7) Bowling Club

Mrs Henly asked whether there would be any objection to the Club lighting a bonfire to clear its rubbish. Mrs Barnett said that bonfires were not permitted but that the Parish Council would organise a skip and pay half the cost if the sports clubs would pay the other half. This was agreed. Mrs Henly undertook to notify the Parish Council when the skip was required.

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The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 27 January 2005

..... Chairman

..... Date