

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday 26 January 2005 at 7.30 PM.

ACTION

Present: Mrs J Botting Mr B Vincent
Mr D Boulton Mrs H Grey
Mrs C Barnet (Chairman)

Representatives Mr W Griffiths (Rugby) Mr K Speer (Snooker)
Mrs E Henly Mr J Leadbeatter
Mr B Feest (Cricket)

1 Apologies: Mr J Denison Mrs Vincent (Stoolball)
Mrs A Lawson Mr M Longridge

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

Mr Feest informed the meeting that the cricket club required new sightscreens. The Clerk advised that in order to progress this that it would be necessary to obtain three quotations. Mr Feest agreed to obtain them and give them to the Clerk.

BF

Former Skateboard Ramp Site

Mrs Barnett and Mr Leadbeatter expressed their dissatisfaction at the standard of work that had been carried out.

Concrete Post

Mrs Henley noted that a post had still not been erected. The clerk was instructed to ensure that this work was completed as soon as was possible. Mrs Barnett requested that some tarmac be applied to the bottom of the lane as well.

CLERK

Basket Ball Post & Net

Mrs Barnett requested that the Clerk obtain quotes to move the basketball post to another area.

CLERK

4 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS

Cricket Club

Mr Feest raised the need for the club to have an electric cable from the pavilion to the scoreboards. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes for the work. It was suggested that funding for this could be met from 106 money.

CLERK

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Snooker Club

CLERK

Mr Speer requested that the club were provided with a set of keys to the changing rooms as the locks had been changed. The Clerk was instructed to get a set made. Mr Speer went on to say that the new door entry system for the Sports & Social Club was unfair and that it meant that the snooker club members had to walk around the outside of the building in order to use the bar facilities. Mr Speer requested that the external lights and the path of the pavilion be improved. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for new or improved external lights.

Mr Speer reported that the club currently had four teams running and that after 15 defeats that the E team had finally won a match. He also apologised in advance for not being able to attend the next meeting on 9th March.

Rugby

CLERK

Mr Griffiths reported that planning permission had been granted for the proposed clubhouse at Parham. The club had raised a staggering £480K towards the cost of the new facilities and had only £56k left to raise. He informed the meeting that two pitches would be ready by September 2006 and that the third one would be seeded later. He said that unfortunately the ground at Nutbourne had been sold and that it was unclear as to whether the club would be able to use the area in the future. He reassures the meeting that the club will provide a detailed plan of their exit strategy, once it was known.

Groundsman

CLERK

Jim reported that there had been a number of complaints against the rugby club for abusing the other pitches. He went on to say that Alex Steele had been very helpful in resolving the issues. Training has been reduced and guidelines provided to the Sunday morning teams to avoid further damage to the ground. Jim thanked Alex and the members of the rugby club for their co-operation.

Jim went on to report that the site where the skateboard ramp had been was in an awful condition. The committee agreed that the Clerk should ask the contractor Mr Flynn to return to the site to make recommendations.

Jim reported that he had scrubbed graffiti off the pavilion walls. Mrs Botting said that she had read that those villages which dealt with it promptly had less problems with repeat 'offenders'. The meeting was urged to report any graffiti attacks to the police.

Bowling Club

Mrs Henley provides the Clerk with the new fixture list for 2006 and extended the annual invitation for a match with the club. The date for this match is 14 June.

5 Snackwagon Bus

The meeting was informed that the bus would be in the village from 7 March, every Tuesday from 7-9pm.

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The meeting ends at 8.20pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9 March 2006

The Sports Representatives left the meeting at 8.20 PM

..... Chairman

..... Date