

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday 9 March 2006 at 7.30 PM.

Present: Mrs J Botting Mr B Vincent
 Mr D Boulton Mr J Denison
 Mrs C Barnet (Chairman)
 Mrs A Lawson

Representatives Mr W Griffiths (Rugby) Mr J Jupp (Football)
 Mrs E Henly Mr J Leadbeatter
 Mr N Cousins (Cricket)

In Attendance Mr R Qusted Mr H Barrett
 Mr H Collins (HDC)

1 Apologies: Mrs Vincent (Stoolball) Mr k Speer (Snooker)

2 MINUTES

The Clerk had been requested by Mr Alex Steele to note that the figure raised by the Rugby Club was nearer to £300K with £98k left to raise and not the previous amount suggested by Mr Griffiths. The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2006 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

4 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS AND ITEMS

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter reported that furniture had been left in the Youth Shelter on the main recreation ground and that it had been cleared by Horsham District Council. He goes on to request that the rugby club remove the goal posts at the end of the playing season. Mr Leadbeatter also requests that the club do not resume training on the ground in May in order to give the ground time to recover. He goes on to suggest that the ground be scarified and re-seeded when the club eventually move to Parham.

Bowling Club

Mrs Henley reported that the new season would begin on 22 April 2006.

Rugby Club

Mr Griffiths informs the meeting that there are currently 300 members in the Junior section of the club, with more wishing to join. Mr Griffiths went on to report that he had experienced difficulties on at least two occasions when the Pavilion was not open on a Sunday morning. This meant that the club members were not able to use the facilities. Mr Boulton responded by assuring Mr Griffiths that Fred (the

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Steward) would be available. Mrs Barnett offers her telephone number as she holds a set of keys and if available would be happy to help in an emergency.

Mr Griffiths thanks them both for their offers of assistance.

Mr Griffiths goes on to report that the minis will be hoping to erect a marquee for the annual end of season barbeque. He will be writing to the Clerk in due course.

Cricket Club

Mr Cousins reports that pre-season training is taking place with three league teams, 5 Colts teams and 2 non-league teams.

The club is aiming to reduce the amount of games played on the 'square' in order to preserve its condition. He also reports that there are plans to dig up the artificial wicket at the end of the season.

Football

Mr Jupp reports that the club is coming to the end of its season and that the pitch is in excellent condition. He reports that the screeding of the sheds is still pending as he has been unable to obtain quotes for the work, he goes on to say that he will continue to pursue this. Mr Jupp goes on to say that the Chichester Charity Cup is coming up and the club are hoping to be through to the final.

Mr Jupp reports that the club members have been unable to open the changing room door for the last 6 weeks and so they have had the door replaced a new lock fitted, and that keys will be made available. he Clerk questions this action as she had previously authorised the fitting of a new lock when the football club members damaged the door some six weeks previously.

It was decided that the Clerk would investigate the situation and report back to the next meeting.

Mrs Barnett welcomes Mr Howard Collins – Leisure Development Officer (Lottery & Grants) Horsham District Council to the meeting.

Mr Collins provided the meeting with an overview of his role. He then went on to guide the members through a typical 106-application form.

Mr Collins stressed that he was available to all the members should they wish to investigate any future funding or grant opportunities.

Mr Collins left the meeting at 8.45pm

The meeting ends at 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25 May 2006

The Sports Representatives left the meeting at 8.45 PM

..... Chairman

..... Date

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