

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation and Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 13th July at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mr. B Vincent
Mrs J Botting Mrs A Lawson
Mr J Denison

Representatives: Mr B Feest (Cricket)
Mr N Cousins (Cricket)
Mr J Jupp (Football)
Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs E Healy (Bowling Club), Mr D Boulton (Social Club) and Mr K Speer Snooker Club)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Vincent declared an interest as Treasurer of Pulborough Sports and Social Club.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 2006 were received and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Mrs J Botting advised that the football posts were due to be delivered on Monday 17th July or Tuesday 18th July. Mrs C Barnett asked Mr J Jupp if he would be able to help erect them at the Stane Street playing field. Mrs Botting suggested that, as the nets were already at her address, the goalposts be assembled there and then transported to the site and members agreed that this action should be taken.

4.2 Mr N Cousins advised that he had spoken to Howard Collins at HDC concerning the grant for the screens and was told that the offer of £3000 was to stand rather than the £6000 requested. He stated that the Cricket Club had also wanted funding of £7500 + VAT but had not included that so as to leave more grant aid available for other clubs in Pulborough. It was also the first grant for which they had ever asked. Mrs Botting said she was to have a meeting with Cllrs. B Donnelly and R. Patterson from HDC and Andrew Frost, the Head of Planning on Friday 14th July and would raise the matter with them. The Committee stated that the Cricket Club had the full support of the Council on this matter. Mr Denison asked for the Minutes of Full Council to be checked as proof that HDC had already been advised of the decision.

4.3 Mr Jupp advised that he had found a contractor to scree the flooring of the sheds and that the costing of the new handle and push plate was in hand.

4.4 Mrs Botting had the details of Patrick Weeks, a spraying contractor and would make the first approach, although she was doubtful that he would do backpack spraying. The work would not now be done until next year.

4.5 Mrs Barnett requested that all Clubs give dates when they would be available to discuss what they would like to see in the new layout for the Clubhouse.

- 4.6 Mrs Botting had received a request from Roberta Dana for permission to hold a barbecue on the Recreation Ground for members of the P Unit on Saturday, 15th July at lunchtime, using a gas barbecue. It would be attended by 13 children and some adults. It was felt that the Ground would be too crowded on that date due to a cricket match and others using the facilities but the Committee had no problem with the P Unit using the recreation ground at Cousins Way as it was less busy and the base of the old skateboard ramp could be used for setting up the barbecue. Mrs Dana was to be advised of this option with the condition that they cleared up after the event.

5. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cricket Club

Mr Feest stated that apart from the screens there was nothing to report except they were having an excellent season.

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter reported that the litter on the Recreation Ground was horrendous, probably because of the hot summer and the World Cup. He advised that it takes him an hour every day to clear the litter because of the broken glass.

It was also noted that a large kite was being flown on the Recreation Ground of the type that pulls someone along on wheels.

RESOLVED:

Danny Flynn's contract should be checked to ensure terms include clearing litter from Recreation Ground during the week and Roberta Dana should be approached to see whether the P Unit could clear it at weekends. The PCSO should also be contacted with regard to underage drinking and the large kite and it should be mentioned that motorbikes were still using the Recreation Ground.

Mr Leadbeatter advised that, following the last Meeting, the football posts had come down immediately and the rugby posts were taken down on 11th July.

He had spoken to Alex Steele, who had stated that the Rugby Club would have moved out by September and asked whether the grass should be left to grow for the rugby or now kept short. As the Rugby Club's lease does not expire until January 2008, it was agreed that Mr Leadbeatter should contact Mr Steele to let him know he was going to cut the grass to see what the reaction was.

It was noted that the Rugby Club was still using the Recreation Ground for training, despite the last minutes. Mrs Barnett stated that a tighter lease would be put in place next time.

Football

Mr Jupp reported that training would begin in a couple of weeks but would not be on rugby pitch or cricket outfield. Home friendlies would be arranged for

the end of August after he had obtained an up-to-date fixtures list from Mr Feest.

He also advised that affiliation to Sussex County F.A. and the Sussex Junior Cup now costs £417 for insurance.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 14th September 2006

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