

## PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**A Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mr J Denison  
Mrs J Botting Mrs A Lawson

**Representatives:** Mr B Feest (Cricket) Mr J Jupp (Football)  
Mrs E Henly (Bowling) Mr K Speer (Snooker)  
Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Boulton, Mr M Longridge and Mr A Steele.

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006, were received and signed. Mrs Healy asked that Minute number 4.1 be amended to read Southern Vans instead of Southern Band. The Chairman amended and signed the alteration.

### 3. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the litter at Stane Street Close had been cleared.

There was no sign of a mini-rugby lease and it was assumed that the mini-rugby ran under the Rugby Club lease. The Assistant Clerk had found reference to the Club using Cousins Way Recreation Ground officially but that was years ago.

Harwoods have had the trees cut back as requested by Mr Blunden (Pythons). The Clerk advised that she had written to Mr Blunden at Harwoods request, asking that he contact their tree surgeon to arrange to meet him to show him what was needed to be done. As he did not respond, the trees had been cut back without his input. Mr Jupp was asked to get confirmation from Mr Blunden that the work was satisfactory.

The mystery of who left the boiler room and snooker room doors open has been solved.

### 4. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

#### Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter reported that two large boughs had come down in recent storms and then a tree had fallen. Rupert Cleaver, the tree surgeon had visited the site and it had been agreed to fell the tree that had shed the branches. This had been done. Mr Cleaver also suggested that the Horse Chestnut belonging to Harwoods should be felled, as it appeared to be dead. The Clerk was instructed to speak to Glyn Wadage at Harwoods regarding this issue.

Mr Leadbeatter reported that a two foot hole had appeared near the tractor shed, caused by rainwater backing up and blowing out a drain. With Fred, the clubhouse manager, he had cleared all other drains but they were unable to

clear the blockage in the drain which is probably in Chestnut Walk. The Clerk advised on two quotes received, one at £55 and the second at £75 per hour, both plus VAT.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should ask one of the companies, which had issued the quotes, to go ahead with the work.

Mr Leadbeatter then advised the Committee that he had reached retirement age in March but due to the new age discrimination laws, had decided to stay on for the time being. The members unanimously gave Mr Leadbeatter their heartfelt thanks.

### **Bowling**

Mrs Healy asked whether any cricket was to be played on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2007 as the Bowling Club was holding an invitation only sponsored match with 12 visiting teams and would need car park space. Mr Feest was unsure of Sunday matches at present, so it was suggested that Mrs Healy book the date in the diary.

She reported that the team had been promoted to the First League in the Southern Vans League.

### **Snooker**

Mr Speer reported that their season had started but the A Team was doing badly. The other teams were doing reasonably well and the new team were excellent. The two thirteen year olds were showing great promise.

He stated that the tables were the best in the League and were well looked after. He was glad the heating had been switched on but it would be better for the cloth if it was on at a constant 60F.

### **Football**

Mr Jupp told members the season was up and running although the First Team is struggling and the Reserves are in the middle of the league table.

It was difficult to see the markings on the field as the grass was growing so quickly.

Mr Jupp also stated that the shower curtains were about a foot too short and so the floor was getting flooded when the showers were in use. New curtains were needed that were the correct length and thicker. The Assistant Clerk was to be asked to make a site visit to ascertain the number and length of the curtains that the Clerk should purchase.

### **Cricket**

Mr Feest stated it was fantastic news that Mr Leadbeatter was to continue working as Groundsman.

He informed the Committee the sightscreens would be moved imminently. Mr Cousins was to submit another application for a grant to purchase two new screens. Mrs Botting advised Mr Feest that at a recent Finance and Policy meeting, it had agreed the Parish Council would purchase a second screen for the Cricket Club if this application was unsuccessful. Mr Feest thanked the Council for the offer.

Mr Feest advised members that the Colts were now playing indoors and net practice would start in January.

He was handed some Tesco Sports vouchers, for which he thanked the Clerk's mother and asked all present to save vouchers for the Junior Section.

**Allotments**

In his absence, an email from Mr Cooper was read out concerning allotments advising that considerable work was required on the sheds before winter set in. The Clerk informed members this was an agenda item on the next meeting of full Council.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting:        25<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

..... Chairman

.....Date