

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 25th January 2007 at 7.30 pm.

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

Representatives: Mr G Blunden (Pythons)
Mr B Feest (Cricket)
Mrs E Henly (Bowling)
Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Jupp (Football).

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2006, were received and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that the work on the drains would start in 2-3 weeks.

The caretaker had reported that someone had gained access to the boiler room and turned down the thermostat for heating the snooker and meeting rooms. He had asked who had keys to the boiler room. Mr Boulton stated many people held those keys.

The Clerk showed members the quotation for replacing sheds, which had been received that day. The Committee said to go ahead with ordering two.

4. **REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Groundsman

Mrs Botting gave Mr Leadbeatter details of someone who would spray the ground against leatherjackets, worms and plantains. Mr Leadbeatter said he would ring him to discuss when spraying should start.

Mr Leadbeatter advised he had has problems with vehicles driving onto the Recreation Ground and becoming stuck on the soft, wet earth. He told the Committee that a contractor doing the drains in New Place had become stuck and then the Rugby Club had driven on and really churned up the ground. This was on 16th December 2006. On 6th January 2007, a member of the Rugby Club had telephoned to ask if they could play at 2pm. Mr Leadbeatter told him a week's notice was required and the ground was unfit anyway. The Rugby Club went ahead and played their match. Mr Leadbeatter received a call from the President, Jim North, apologising for this.

He has since received a call from Chris Brazier saying they would like to know on a Wednesday if they can use the pitch on the Saturday. Mr Leadbeatter stated he would like to offer them the same facility as for the Football Club i.e. to let them know on the Saturday morning. All the Councillors were in full agreement with this and advised Mr Leadbeatter the Rugby Club could play either on a Saturday or a Sunday but not both. He

suggested they use the Cousins Way Recreation Ground for extra matches. The Assistant Clerk was to obtain quotations for the cost of repairing the damage done to the Ground.

Pythons

Mr Blunden had nothing to report other than to confirm the trees had been cut back as requested at the last meeting.

Bowling

Mrs Healy had nothing to report other than to ask which way the Council would prefer that visitors' coaches should come in. Members all agreed they had no preference and it was up to the Bowling Club. The Councillors thanked her for the kind invitation to play bowls on the 13th June 2007. Everyone hoped it could go ahead this year and Mrs Healy said they were welcome to bring partners.

Football

Mr Jupp had been unable to attend the meeting but had sent in a message stating only two games had been played this season due to adverse weather conditions and asking Mr Feest if they could play on a Tuesday evening until the beginning of the cricket season. It was agreed that Mr Jupp should meet with Mr Leadbeatter and Mr Feest to discuss the situation, although Mr Feest had no initial problem with the request.

Cricket

Mr Feest reported a S106 claim was being heard on 13th February 2007. The Clerk advised that a presentation must be made to the Finance and Policy Committee at the meeting on 8th February, before the Council could give their backing. Mr Feest agreed to attend the meeting.

Before closing the meeting, Mrs Barnett advised the representatives that Recreation & Open Spaces Committee would be meeting monthly in future. She suggested the Advisory Committee may wish to meet quarterly. Mr Boulton stated they should meet monthly also and this was agreed upon.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.04pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 22nd February 2007

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