

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 31st May 2007 at 7.30pm.

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

Representatives: Mr D Boulton (Social Club) Mrs E Henly (Bowling)
Mr J Jupp (Football) Mr K Speer (Snooker)
Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Feest (Cricket) and Mrs J Botting.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2007 were received and signed.

3. Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that Alistair Cameron of Southern Water had finally replied to two letters, to inform that he was away on holiday until 12th June 2007 and would respond to the query of responsibility to the repair of the pipes running under the Recreation Ground upon his return. The Groundsman asked whether the report from CJ Uden had been received concerning their findings to the damage to the pipes. The Clerk replied in the negative and was instructed to request the report as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk reported that the Rugby Club had given their permission for the Cricket Club to use their shed, which was now empty. The Groundsman stated it would need re-felting and the Assistant Clerk was instructed to arrange this.

4. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter thanked the Football Club and the Rugby Club for removing their posts. He then asked if the Rugby Club could be asked again to remove the metal sleeves, which are protruding from the ground at Cousins Way and could cause an accident. The Clerk was instructed to write again to the Rugby Club to request this be done as a matter of urgency.

Mr Leadbeatter reported that the Recreation Grounds had been sprayed for the removal of weeds and it had never been done so well. It was agreed to use the same company next year.

He reported a new lock was required for the gate at Cousins Way and was instructed to obtain one from Burgess and Randall.

Finally, the Groundsman advised he had seen three gentlemen in suits, bearing clipboards. No one present knew who they were.

Cricket

Mr Jupp read out notes from Mr Feest in his absence. He stated he did not have a full set of keys for the changing rooms. Mr Jupp advised he would arrange duplicates for Mr Feest. He also informed the Committee the handles on the double doors needed repairing. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the repairs to take place.

Football

Mr Jupp advised the Committee he had met Mr Longhurst from EDF Energy at the Cousins Way Recreation Ground to discuss the installation of floodlights. Mr Longhurst had stated the facilities were ideal.

The Football Club were to replace the switchbox that was already in situ with a vandal proof box with two keys to be held by separate people, for security reasons. The pylons, lights, cable and connections would cost between £8000 and £11,000 and would be adjusted so as not to shine directly into any household's windows. The pylons could be jacked down for maintenance.

The Committee was excited by the news and Mr Jupp advised he was applying for grants from the County Local Committee and also the NPA.

He then informed members the Presentation Night had been held on 26th May 2007 and had been a success. The Football Club's AGM was on Monday 4th June 2007.

Snooker

Mr Speer advised members the Club was now in its closed season and had also had the Presentation Evening and AGM. There had been successes in many divisions.

He informed the Committee the match table would need covering this year. The Club had a static membership of 50-60 and although it had been a good year for the younger members, they did tend to drift away due to other distractions.

Bowling

The Clerk asked Mrs Henly if she could call into the Parish Office to collect a walkie-talkie set, which was being donated by the Clerk’s mother. Mrs Henly stated she was on holiday the following week but would collect it later in the month.

Mrs Henly advised the Committee that the greenkeeper had called the day after the last meeting and had done a very good job to the green. The Club was doing well in the league, although the inclement weather had caused difficulties.

All Committee members were invited to join the Councillors to a friendly match on Wednesday 13th June 2007.

Social Club

Mr Boulton reported the Social Club continued to do well and that the entry door had been fixed.

He asked for the Council’s views on the Club erecting a conservatory on the front of the building and also some decking for the smokers. The Chairman said she could foresee no problem and would have the request added to the next agenda for full Council. Mr Boulton was asked to provide the approximate sizing in time for the meeting.

The Duck Race was then discussed and it was agreed it was a very good village occasion. Mr Jupp said there would be a tethered balloon, a funfair, a maypole and many stalls.

Additional Items

Mrs Barnett asked Mr Jupp to inform the Stoolball Club they would need tape and marshals for the car parking during its two forthcoming events and the keys would need to be collected from the Parish Office.

Mrs Barnett then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Date of Next Meeting: 28th June 2007

..... Chairman

..... Date

