

## **PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Recreation & Open Spaces was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.40pm.**

**Present:** Mrs C Barnett (Chairman)                      Mr H Barrett  
                  Mr D Boulton    Mr J Denison  
                  Mr L Ellis    Mrs A Lawson

**Representatives:** Mr G Blunden (Pythons)  
                              Mrs E Henly (Bowling)  
                              Mr J Leadbeatter (Groundsman)

### **9. APOLOGIES**

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

### **6. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were received and signed.

### **7. Matters Arising**

Mr Leadbeatter advised members he and Mr Boulton had met with Mr Sepke of HDC concerning the storm water drain on the Recreation Ground. It had previously belonged to Chanctonbury Council and so he stated it did not belong to HDC. He would make further investigations and advise the Clerk of his findings. Mr Leadbeatter also reported Mr Sepke had noticed lime, which belonged to the Rugby Club, in the drains which needed clearing.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Rugby Club to ask them to clear the lime from the drains and from near the buildings.

He had also noted the downpipe was missing from outside the Snooker Room. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for this to be replaced.

The Clerk reported that CJ Uden Ltd had supplied a quotation from a firm of engineers to repair the damage to the storm drain. Mr Boulton complained this had taken six months and still nothing had been done. The Clerk was instructed to get two more quotes as soon as Mr Sepke had ascertained whether the Parish Council was responsible for covering the cost of the repairs.

The Clerk was also instructed to arrange for two manhole covers to be put into concrete, as these outside the tractor shed, were just sitting on earth and could easily be lifted.

The Clerk reported that a cowl was needed to go over the extractor fan outlet. Mr Boulton stated he would climb onto the roof of the Pavilion and measure the diameter and advise the Clerk what size was needed.

The Committee agreed that after the September meeting, agendas should be emailed to members, as every month eleven agendas were sent out but only three of four representatives attended meetings.

The Clerk reported that Arnold and Gloria Martin would be on holiday from 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August and had arranged cover. The Clerk was instructed to ensure the changing rooms were cleaned after the Brighton and Hove Albion Children's training day on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

## **8. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

### **Pythons**

Mr Blunden reported there were now teams for under 7s to under 10s and asked whether the Rugby Club would be using their pitch. He was advised that the lease did not expire until 2008 and so the pitch was not available. It was suggested the younger teams played on the Cousins Way Recreation ground, as it drained very well. Mrs Barnett warned Mr Blunden the rent for Pythons must increase as they had so many teams now. The Pythons were wished the best of luck for the forthcoming season by all those present.

### **Bowling**

Mrs Henly reported that the hedge owned by Lane End was growing too tall. She had reported this to the Clerk who advised a letter had been sent to the owners earlier this week, requesting it be cut to 2' – 3' above the height of the fence.

### **Groundsman**

Mr Leadbeatter advised he had given the Clerk a copy of the key for the Cousins Way Recreation Ground.

He reported that the two sleeves from the rugby posts were still in the ground. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Rugby Club again to request they be removed or the Parish Council would arrange for the work to be done and send the invoice to the Club.

Mr Leadbeatter also asked that Mr Duncan be requested to cut back his willow trees, which were covering part of the Cousins Way Recreation

Ground. This was most important now that the Football Club would be training there. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Duncan, requesting the branches of the willow trees be cut back.

He also informed the Committee that, following the Duck Race on the previous Saturday, he had found large ruts in the recreation Ground, caused by the fire engine and other large vehicles, which had driven on there following the torrential rain of the previous day. Mr Blunden stated the ruts were deep and a child could easily break an ankle. The Clerk was instructed to find a contractor to do the work as a matter of urgency. It was suggested parks Department at HDC may be able to suggest someone.

The Clerk was also instructed to set up a de-briefing meeting between the Duck Race Committee and members of the Parish Council. All members agreed it had been a successful day but there were a few issues needed addressing before next year's Duck race.

Mrs Barnett then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.28pm

**Date of Next Meeting:                      27<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

..... Chairman

..... Date