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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2007
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Cllr Boulton (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Barrett, Mrs Botting, Denison, Mrs Lawson, Lee, and Reeve.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Feest (Cricket), Mr Jupp (Football), Mr Leadbeatter (Groundsman), Mr Speer (Snooker) and Mr Wood (Allotments)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Hoff (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

9. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Henly (Bowling).

10. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th July 2007 were received and signed.

11. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football

Mr Jupp advised members the season had only just begun and was going well. He reported that the installation of floodlighting for the pitch on the Cousins Way Recreation Ground was progressing. He also reported the ruts on the field had been repaired by Thompsons in an inadequate fashion. Large stones and rubble had been used to fill the ruts. Mr Jupp had removed this from the ruts on the football pitch and replaced with topsoil. He was asked to provide a receipt to the Clerk, so he could be reimbursed.

The Clerk was instructed to call in another contractor as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk was also requested to set up a meeting between Cllr Mrs Barnett, a member of the Duck Race Committee and Mr Leadbeatter so issues could be discussed to ensure there was no repetition in future years. It was suggested the Duck Race Committee have regular discussions with the Parish Council, as members wanted to lend their support to the event.

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter advised the willows had been cut back at the Cousins Way Recreation Ground and thanked the Clerk for her persistence in getting the Nurseries to do it, which had saved the Council money.

He reported that the two sleeves from the rugby posts had been removed by the Rugby Club.

Mr Leadbeatter stated he had had meetings with two drainage experts concerning the drains in the car park and on the Recreation Ground, both during the early part of the week.

Cricket

Mr Feest advised the Committee the cricket season had finished and they now had 150 Colts as members plus a girls' team. The Cricket Club was elected as the Focus Club for the district. He also thanked Mr. Leadbeatter for the best outfield in the league.

Snooker

Mr Speer advised members the season had just started with an influx of young players.

The Club was to re-cover the match table shortly and were about to do a 24 hour marathon to raise funds for the Mary How Trust.

He advised the Committee he had checked the Club's Fire Risk Assessment and ensured there was no smoking in the room and members knew the exit, in case of an emergency, was through the fire door at the back of the building.

Allotments

Mr Wood advised members the Pulborough Allotment Society had been set up the previous week and had formed a Committee. The members had arranged a working party for the weekend of the 13th/14th October, following the delivery of a skip. The gates would also be mended at that time.

The Allotments Society requested that all new allotment holders should automatically become members and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether this could become part of the rental agreement.

A Councillor asked whether the shed roofs had been repaired and Mr Wood was not sure. The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr Martin, who was to do the work, whether it had yet been completed.

It was also reported the Council hoped to provide more allotments by using part of the Cousins Way Recreation Ground. As the village already needed more open spaces this could become a test case to officially flag up the need for more land.

The Clerk handed out the Parish Council's grant applications to all representatives and was instructed to send Mr Speer an application form for a grant from the Chanctonbury Local Committee.

Mrs Barnett then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.14pm

Date of Next Meeting: 22nd November 2007

..... Chairman

..... Date