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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
HELD ON THURSDAY 24th January 2008
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Feest (Cricket), Mrs Henly (Bowling), Mr Jupp (Football), Mr Leadbeater (Groundsman) and Mr Wood (Allotment Society).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Hoff (Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Cousins (Cricket) and Mr Speer (Snooker).

18. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd November 2007 were received and signed.

19. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

20. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football Club

Mr Jupp advised the Club was moving forward with various organisations towards getting a grant towards the floodlighting in the Cousins Way Recreation Ground. It was planned to set up a small Sub Committee to go through such details as planning permission, lease of the ground and ensuring the neighbouring properties were not inconvenienced. When the date of the meeting had been set, Mr Jupp hoped two Councillors would be able to attend. The Chairman congratulated the Club on its work to date and stated two Councillors would be happy to be present at the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to obtain all the relevant information in time for the meeting.

Mr Jupp advised members the Club had no problems and the pitch was looking good. This was partly because matches had been cancelled if the weather was inclement.

He invited all present to a Race Night at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th February 2008 at 6pm. It would include a chicken and chips supper. The Clerk was instructed to let all Councillors know of the event.

Social Club

Mr Boulton advised the Committee that the grid by the car park seemed to be effective, as the Club had not been flooded recently. He also stated the new guttering was working well and the situation would be assessed after the next major downpour. Until that time, he suggested no more be done, due to the cost involved.

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter advised that the Recreation Ground had been likened to a paddy field, as it was so wet. He also stated he had to drive the tractor out of the shed over a wooden cover where the storm drain was damaged. It was agreed nothing could be done about it at the moment.

Bowling Club

Mrs Henly stated nothing had been done by the owners of Lane End about cutting back the nut bushes. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owners again, requesting this work be done.

She also reported that vandals had broken in some time over the Christmas period and pushed a wheelie bin over the bowling green. It had also been damaged with a curtain rod.

Allotment Society

Mr Wood informed the Committee that not much was happening, due to the season. He advised that the skip was finally removed yesterday and a small group of allotment holders had spent a weekend clearing the rubbish from between the sheds. The "compost heap" had also been removed but an allotment holder had started dumping refuse there again.

He also advised members that one of the heavy-duty chains and both of the combination locks provided by the Council, had disappeared within three days. Mr Feest was asked whether Burgess and Randall could supply a heavy-duty combination lock.

Mr Wood reported the ditch had been cleared extremely well. It was suggested black plastic be put on the sides of the ditch to prevent the undergrowth from sprouting again.

He finished by advising Committee members the Allotment Society was to hold an Open day, when produce would be for sale.

Cricket Club

Mr Feest advised members this was the closed season, so the only cricket played was indoors at the Felpham Sports Centre. The Club now had eight qualified coaches and a girls' team, with thirteen members, would be starting next season. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Press to attend the first match played by the girls' team.

Cllr Reeve asked the representatives to let the Clerk have any editorials for the next Parish newsletter by 22 February 2008.

Cllr Mrs Barnett then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.57pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 27th March 2008

..... Chairman

..... Date