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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th March 2008
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Feest (Cricket), Mrs Henly (Bowling), Mr Jupp (Football) and Mr Leadbeatter (Groundsman).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Hoff (Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Denison, Mr Wood (Allotments) and Mr Boulton (Social Club).

22. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2008 were received and signed.

23. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that letters had been received from HDC regarding enquiries concerning planning permission for the erection of floodlights; the erection of a metal storage container and a 3m fence at the Cousins way Recreation Ground. A copy of each letter was given to Mr Jupp to allow him to monitor progress.

The Clerk advised members that she was still awaiting a quotation from Danny Flynn for laying black plastic in the ditch at the allotment site or, as he recommends, weed killer to eradicate the problem.

Mr Feest was asked to supply a quotation for heavy duty combination locks and chains for the gates at the allotment site. He stated he would let the Clerk have this in writing.

The Clerk advised that she was liaising with Maurice Woolgar concerning the Councillors' invitation to the first cricket match of the girls' team. The Clerk would let Councillors know as soon as the match had been arranged and would contact the press as well.

Mrs Henly advised members the hedge by the Bowling Club had been cut back by the owner of Lane End. She had spoken to the gentleman, who had advised her he was also going to improve the surface of the bridleway leading to his home.

24. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football Club

Mr Jupp advised the last game was to be held on the 19th April 2008. He was hopeful the 1st team would finish 4th in the league and only two games had had to be cancelled.

He said the Race Night had been a huge success.

He thanked the Groundsman for keeping the pitch in such good condition and thanked the Parish Council for its help and support.

It was agreed he should meet a Councillor at the Cousins Way Recreation ground for a consultation on the required electricity supply.

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeater advised that cricket outfield was looking exceptional thanks to the Football Club staying off it. He reported that Southern Water had spent a day clearing drains in the area. He also mentioned the criticism of a resident of Watersfield concerning all the rubbish on the Recreation Ground, which had been reported in the County Times. He stated that no sooner had he finished clearing the litter and broken glass, local residents of all ages would have thrown down more. He said the problem would only get worse during the summer but he could not see a resolution.

Bowling Club

Mrs Henly advised members that the topsoil had been delivered.

Cllr Mrs Botting asked whether Mrs Henly had seen a copy of the English Bowling Association report on the green, which had been handed to the chairman of the Club. She stated it was imperative that a member of the club attended whenever any work was done on the green and a report from Randall, the Turf Contractor be held by the Club and copied to the Parish Council. She stated these procedures were now in place for the pavilion.

Mrs Henly advised members there was to be a Charity Day in aid of leukemia on 22nd June 2008.

The Chairman stated there must be a rink made available for members of the public and prices and contact details put on the outside of the gate. Mrs Henly was asked to let the Clerk know in time for the information to be included in the next parish Council newsletter. In the meantime, it could be mentioned in the Parish magazine.

Cricket Club

Mr Feest advised members the new season would start at the end of April and everything was looking good.

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

The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 24th April 2008

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