

# PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Feest (Cricket), Mrs Henly (Bowling), Mr Jupp (Football), Mrs Jones (Netball), Mr Leadbeatter (Groundsman) and Mr Wood (Allotments).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs L Hoff (Clerk).

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hooper (Stoolball), Mr Speer (Snooker), Mr Blunden and Mrs Soar (Pythons) and Cllrs Mrs Barnett, Mrs Botting and Jolliffe.

Mr Jupp advised members he had sent his apologies for the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 but his message was not delivered.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were received and signed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **Football**

Mr Jupp advised members the Presentation Evening had been the previous Saturday and had been a success.

All the football equipment had been stored for the summer.

The Club has hosted a Charity Evening in aid of the wife of one of the players, who has cancer. Mr Jupp was pleased to report the event had raised £835 towards travelling expenses to London for the couple.

Mr Jupp had the planning application for the floodlights but was unsure how to complete the application. The Clerk offered to help if he would like to call into the office.

He advised members he had put new fittings and a net on the mini football goals and the goal-mouths would be re-seed the following week.

He finished by stating he wanted it minuted that he had been very annoyed to receive an email from the Council Office, instructing the Club to remove the skittles equipment from the Parish Council Meeting Room, where it was being stored until room could be found in the Club's shed.

### **Allotments**

Mr Wood advised members the Allotments Society had now a full complement of officers and subscriptions were fully paid.

There was to be an Open Day on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008 with the general public invited in the morning and allotment holders and their guests in the afternoon.

### **Groundsman**

Mr Leadbeatter informed the Committee that the culvert in Pocket Park was flooded again and the sandbags shoring up the bank had been washed away. The Clerk was instructed to inform WSCC Highways Dept that its work had been in vain.

He also stated that litter on the Recreation ground was becoming a nightmare, with bottles, cans and broken glass strewn all around the Youth Shelter. A Councillor mentioned that East Glebe Field was just as bad and there were now cows kept in there. Mr Jupp advised that he had seen a pick-up truck unloading boxes of lager and selling it to under-age drinkers. He had immediately phoned the police and given them the registration number. The police arrived three hours later. The Clerk informed members this issue was an agenda item for the next meeting of full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### **Bowling Club**

Mrs Henly advised members the contact details for members of the public wishing to play bowls was in the Parish magazine and would be in the next edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

She also mentioned the bridleway behind the Bowling Club was flooded again due to the ditches being full of undergrowth. The Clerk was instructed to inform WSCC Highways Dept.

### **Cricket Club**

Mr Feest informed the members that the new season was in full swing and the first home match for the Girls Team had resulted in a win by Pulborough against Wisborough Green by 90 runs.

He was also pleased to report that the 1<sup>st</sup> Team had beaten East Grinstead in the Coxspur Cup, despite the opponents being in the Premier Division.

### **Netball**

Mrs Jones the Club was short of players and had tried leaving leaflets in schools. It was suggested she put a short item in the newsletter, asking for more players and the Clerk advised it would be needed by 10am the following day.

She also advised the Committee they had recently had a match against Wisborough Green.

The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

..... Chairman

..... Date