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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Clarke and Mrs L Hoff (Clerk).

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

### **5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **6. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were received and signed.

### **7. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **8. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **Groundsman**

Mr Leadbeatter reported that the outfield was playing well but he had seen adults on both recreation grounds using model aircraft. He said these were impressive but dangerous. The Chairman advised that it was stated on the Council's byelaws that flying model aircraft on the recreation grounds was forbidden.

He advised that the Stoolball Club had cleared up all its litter, after its tournament.

He also informed members the old rugby pitch was still rutted after the Duck race of last year. The Clerk was instructed to have it repaired and send the invoice to the Community partnership.

#### **Football**

Mr Jupp advised that Mr Blunden was anticipating putting a second pitch next to the main pitch with a 5m gap between, for the older teams. This would mean the seniors could also use it if the main pitch was not playable.

He stated there were still rugby sockets in the ground near the road. As they were protruding from the ground, he felt these should be dug out. The Clerk was instructed to find a contractor to dig down about a foot and cut them off.

Mr Jupp informed the members that training had started, with the season starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and the first home game on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

He asked whether the Club could have a container for storage next to the Social Club's. The Chairman said she would let the Social Club know at a meeting the following week.

The Chairman asked about the progress of the planning application for lighting on the Cousins Way Recreation Ground and Mr Jupp advised it was on hold at the moment, as he needed certain measurements. He would then call into the Parish Office for the Clerk to help with the application.

**Allotments**

Mr Wood reported that the next meeting of the Society was on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008. The Chairman asked him to pass on a message from the Handyman that he had found metal, plastic, chicken wire and a lot of garden waste in the ditch, when he strimmed it. The Society was to be reminded that if the ditch was blocked again, the invoice for clearance would be sent to the allotment holders.

**Bowling Club**

Mrs Henly advised the Committee the Club had had a successful event against the Social Club and two members had actually joined the Bowling Club. She mentioned that the contractor had done the scarifying and the weedkilling but cannot rid the ground of puffballs until the autumn.

She stated the bowling was much better now they were using a new mower on the green and they were winning more league games.

**Cricket Club**

Mr Feest informed members the season was going well and the junior festival was starting the following week. The Girls' Team was successful and was undertaking an exhibition match at the England v India match at Arundel.

He also mentioned that any Pulborough Cricket Club supporters would be allowed 10% off at???

**Pythons**

Mr James advised there was now also an Under 7s team.

Together with Mr Blunden, he had looked at pitches for the four minor teams to use and suggested near Pocket Park, as it would not encroach on the cricket square. The older children would play where the men's team train and the Under 15s would play on the senior team's pitch.

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

**Date of Next Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

..... Chairman

..... Date