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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Cllrs Barrett, Mrs Botting, Boulton (from 7.36pm) Denison, Jolliffe, Mrs Lawson and Reeve.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Feest (Cricket), Mr Jupp (Football), Mr Leadbeatter (Groundsman), Mr Lewis (new Groundsman) and Mr Wood (Allotments).

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

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

### **9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Henly (Bowling), Mrs Jones (Netball) and Mrs Soal (Pythons).

### **10. MINUTES**

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

### **11. Matters Arising**

The Clerk asked Mr Leadbeatter whether Paul Parker had contacted him concerning the ruts on part of the Recreation Ground but he had heard nothing.

### **12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **Groundsman**

Mr Leadbeatter thanked everyone who had attended his retirement celebration on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 and for the gifts he had received. He then thanked Mr Feest, Mr Jupp and the staff of the Parish Office for being a pleasure to work with and gave especial thanks to Cllr Mrs Barnett, the Chairman of the Committee for all she had done over the years.

The Chairman responded by thanking him for providing such an excellent Ground.

Mr Leadbeatter reported the fairground had damaged the Cousins Way Recreation Ground but it was worth it, as the children had enjoyed it so much.

He also mentioned the combination lock at the allotments site was difficult to use and asked whether he make a slight alteration with a saw. There was deemed to be no problem with this.

The Clerk was then instructed to ask the new play area suppliers to fix the matting down with longer pins, to prevent anyone from pulling them out.

The Chairman asked Mr Leadbeatter if the bollards leading onto the Recreation Ground from Nutcroft could be locked. Mr Leadbeatter informed members the locks had been stolen but he would get replacements.

He finished by stating he had enjoyed working for the Parish Council and wished he could turn back the clock and start all over again.

**Football**

Mr Jupp advised the season had kicked off on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The Club had had no luck obtaining a container and was still telephoning around for the best deal.

To save on wear and tear on the pitches, the Club had purchased a 200m extension lead for the floodlights, which went past the MSF and could be used for training. The Chairman asked the provided triangles to warn of the trailing lead, so no one tripped over it. Mr Jupp said it would give them another option for training.

He then spoke about the Pythons, in the absence of a representative. A second pitch had been marked out, slightly narrower than the main pitch and the goal sockets had been put in. There were also two small pitches to the north of the cricket square.

**Allotments**

Mr Wood reported that the barbeque on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008 had been a success. There was a minor problem in that an allotment holder was dumping garden waste in the ditch. He was asked to let the Clerk know is it continued to be a problem. There was to be a social event, with pumpkin, on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Members were informed that a new hose and reel had been stolen from the allotment site.

**Cricket Club**

Mr Feest apologized for the grass cuttings that were left on the boundary and said it would not happen again. He agreed to speak to Glyn Woodage of Harwoods, to see whether the cuttings could be left in Pocket Park. He informed members that due to pressure on the square, the artificial pitch was to be replaced with grass and the contractor would make good any damage.

He advised the Club had finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of ten and the girls' team had finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of eight. As the Club had accredited club status, it attracted children from a large radius, as it now had eight trained coaches and a good standard of facilities and play.

The Committee congratulated the Cricket Club on the achievement.

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

**Date of Next Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

..... Chairman

..... Date