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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 29th January 2009 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

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

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Feest (Cricket) (from 7.36pm), Mr Garland (Snooker) (from 7.36pm), Mrs Henly (Bowling) Mr Jupp (Football), Mr Lewis (Groundsman) and Mrs Soal (Pythons).

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

22. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2008 were received and signed.

23. The Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Mark Anderson, the electrician, would not move the trip switch, as he stated there must be a fault with the floodlights for them to "trip". He would need to find the fault and repair it before an accident occurred. Mr Jupp had the contact details and agreed to ring him.

The Clerk asked Mr Jupp whether the keys had been cut for the Pythons. He replied there no longer seemed to be a problem in the Pythons gaining access to the changing rooms.

The Clerk reported there was no power to enable the Parish Council to pay for a reward for information leading to the arrest of individuals driving on the Recreation Ground. Mr Jupp asked whether there would be a problem with the Football Club paying for a reward. It was AGREED to ask the Finance and Policy Committee whether this would be in order and the police should also be consulted.

A Councillor asked for an update on the horse being ridden at full gallop across the Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised it had been reported to the police and the Groundsman stated it had not been seen again.

24. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Snooker

Mr Garland reported that one of the lights over a snooker table was not working. The wiring was ancient and the bulb had fallen out of the corroded fitting. The Clerk advised that the electrician was due to attend on Monday, 2nd February 2009. It was agreed that she would call Mr Garland so that he could arrange for someone to meet the electrician on site.

Groundsman

Mr Lewis reported that both tractors had been repaired and returned. He asked when Arun Mowers were to be advised whether its quotes for a leaf sweeper and replacement mower had been accepted. The Clerk stated that just one further quote for a mower from elsewhere was required, so the decision was imminent.

Football

Mr Jupp reported that the security light outside the Football Club's shed was not working. The Clerk was instructed to ensure the electrician investigated whilst at the pavilion to look at the Snooker Club's light. Mr Jupp wondered whether the concreting around the sheds could now go ahead. Members were reminded that quotes in excess of £9,000 had been received. It was AGREED that the Chairman, Mr Jupp and Mr Feest should meet on 5th February 2009 at 2pm to discuss the area that needed concreting.

Mr Jupp advised that only one game had been cancelled, which considering the very bad weather, was a credit to the Groundsman.

He also informed the Committee there was to be a Race Night at the Village Hall on 21st February 2009 with tickets costing £8, which would include chicken and chips.. Tickets were available from Mr Jupp. Bring your own beer.

Bowls

Mrs Henly reported that two rinks were waterlogged so no maintenance could take place. This was due to the flooding of the bridleway outside Lane End seeping through onto the bowling green. The Chairman advised that the cost of the work to repair the pipes under the bridleway was in the hands of the owners' solicitor. The Clerk was instructed to take legal advice to see whether there was anything the Parish Council could do to speed things up. A Councillor reported that 100 people a day used that bridleway.

Pythons

Mrs Soal reported there was now a waiting list for the u15s and the u10s would go up to playing on a full size pitch this year, when they became the u11s. She also asked whether anything could be done to prevent dog owners from letting their pets foul the Recreation ground. The Chairman stated this was an ongoing problem and the dog fouling signs had previously been removed within four days of being erected. The Clerk was instructed to order more signs and put another piece in the newsletter concerning this serious matter.

Cricket

Mr Feest reported the cricket was up and running and the players were to start using the practice nets the following week. He informed members the fibreglass poles of the nets needed replacing with metal poles, as they had been broken by footballs coming over from the Multi-Sports Facility. The Chairman suggested he

contacted the Clerk, who would let him know about possible grants from Chanctonbury Council Local Committee.

Mrs Henly reported the numbers for Short Mat Bowls was falling, despite advertising in the Parish Magazine and the County Times. She was invited to place an article in the Parish Council's newsletter.

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

Date of Next Meeting: 26th February 2008

..... Chairman

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