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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Boulton (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Barnett, Clarke, Denison, Kipp, Mrs Lawson, Parker and Qusted.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mrs Henly (Bowling), Barrie Feest (Cricket) Anita Soal (Pythons), Mr Jupp (Football) and Mr Thomas (Allotments).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sarah Norman (Clerk).

*The meeting opened at 7.28 pm*

### **16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jolliffe

### **17. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were received and signed.

### **18. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **Cricket**

Mr Feest advised that the 2009 season was now over and it had been the most successful ever. One member of the Girls team has a place in the Sussex squad. It was reported that there had been damage to one of their covers and as a result this has been moved closer to the sheds. The club is hoping to host a match with the Lashings Club on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and therefore request permission to use the recreation ground on that day. It is anticipated that there will be a large number of people and therefore consideration will need to be given to parking, marquee and facilities. It was AGREED that this be placed on an Agenda of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee for further discussion. The Club is hoping for funding from the ECB to relay the Cricket Square, which would result in some major works. This will need to be considered by the Committee when firmer details are known.

#### **Football**

Mr Jupp advised that the season was now underway. The 1<sup>st</sup> team was struggling a little but the Reserves were doing well. It was noted that the football lights are still obscured as the branches have not been cut back. The Clerk apologised as she thought this had already been done and will look into it as soon as possible.

**Bowling**

Mrs Henly advised that the season was now over and had been very successful, with the club finishing just 2 points short of going up. She reported that the Dutch Elm by the side of the shed by the bowling green needs dealing with and the concrete post has still not been repaired. J R Randall has been more in attendance recently. The ditches around the green need work but this will be funding dependant.

**Pythons**

Mrs Soal advised that they now have an under 7s team although they are not yet registered. First Aid certificates are being refreshed and the CRB checks are starting to come back.

**Allotments**

Mr Thomas expressed concern about the charging of water to the allotment holders and felt that all plot holder were already very conscious of the amount of water they used. Mr Thomas also referred to an agreement some time ago about the raising of the height of the standpipes to facilitate the use of watering cans. The Clerk advised that this issue had been discussed at some length last year but at the time it was felt that the cost involved to raise the heights on all the taps was excessive. It had therefore been agreed that allotment holder should use a small section of hosepipe to aid them when filling cans. The provision of a skip was also raised and the Clerk advised that this was already in situ. Mr Thomas also notified the Committee that there was a hole in the fence about 15m down from the top gate that needs repairing. Finally, Mr Thomas asked for clarification on the correct procedure when cutting off branches hanging over the boundary fence and it was noted that one should offer the cut off's to the neighbouring property owner.

**Groundsman**

A long discussion ensued regarding this issue and all expressed concern over the state of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that an advert had been placed in the County Times and on the website and the closing date for applications was Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk advised that she had been relying on goodwill from people helping out with basic grass cutting, leaf and rubbish collecting. The grass had been cut the Thursday previously. It was noted that the pitches could do with rolling but there was concern that with the forecasted change in the weather, this may be too late. The Clerk advised that she would do what she could.

The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

..... Chairman

..... Date