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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 25th MARCH 2010 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Barnett (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Lawson , Denison, Kipp, Parker

APOLOGIES: Cllr Clarke.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Woolgar (Cricket Club) Mr Bushby (Groundsman) Mrs Henley (Bowling), Mr Jupp (Football)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sally Cooper (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Jolliffe, Stuart Wood (Allotments)

29. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th of February 2010 were received and signed. No matters arising.

Clerks Report

Dog Fouling on Recreation Ground – Deputy Clerk contacted Karen Grisley asking if possible to have attendance by Street Scene Warden at Recreation Ground, still awaiting a response.

Logs at Pocket Park/Recreation – Contact made with Harwoods, who confirmed that they would remove ASAP (10/3/10) .

Fire Door Access Into Sports & Social Club – This issue was discussed with Mark Fire Risk Assessor at his recent inspection of the premises. He advised that there are relatively cost effective options available, and will include these in his overall report, due within the next week.

Allotments Society Attendance - Contact made with Stuart Wood. He advised that he had not attended for some time, as since the creation of The Allotment Society he had understood the chair was going to attend. However, the Society has now folded, and he has confirmed he will be attending in future.

30. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Football - The season is shortly coming to an end. The club has four matches to play in April and the season will be finished by the end of the month. The pitch is looking in good condition, despite the persistently poor weather. The groundsman has been able to roll the pitch recently and although the pitch has been affected by play on a wet surface, the softness of the ground has enabled it to be flattened again. Both teams are doing well. The first team are 3rd in their league and the second team are 5th in theirs. The Club is holding a Race/Fun Night at The Village Hall on 24th April. Tickets are £8 each including a chicken and chips supper. The event is being advertised on the Electronic Notice Board.

Cricket – Little to report. In a fortnights time the Club will be getting things ready for the start of the season. The first match is on the first Saturday in May. The pitch is currently waterlogged.

Lashings Match – The Club had booked a date in August for this prestigious event. The club has to pay £5,000 up front as a fee to Lashings. The event had been partial arranged but not confirmed. It transpired that Wisborough Green were also planning a Lashings Day two weeks later. The Club felt that it did not have the time or experience at the moment to organize the event, and have decided to let Wisborough Green do it this year. The Club has asked Lashings if they can have a date for August next year. The Club to liaise with the Bowling Club nearer the time, to ensure that they do not clash their match with this event, to allow maximum available parking on site.

Groundsman - During the recent week of better weather Mr Bushby has been able to get the grass cut and started trimming the hedges – with the new hedge trimmer, for which he thanks the Council. Mr Bushby has attended a playground Inspection Course and following on from this has highlighted three “hazards” in the children’s play area

1. The Double gates are dropped/twisted, and pose a finger trap hazard.
2. The ground at the small gate area has become eroded and left a central dip, and exposed the concrete gate posts – presenting a trip hazard. A suggestion was made by the Committee that the ground could be built up with soil, but not reseeded.
3. Climbing frame area- the surface around the edges is damaged and presents a trip hazard – although as this is onto a “safe surface” it was not considered urgent to remedy this issue.

Mr Bushby has also attended a Fire Extinguisher Training Course, on the safe use of equipment. It was noted that following advice from the Fire Officer the FIRE EXIT sign located at the entrance to the changing rooms at the bottom of the stairs should be removed, and a new sign put on wall immediately in front of you to turn left if exiting from The Sports & Social Club Fire Door which egresses onto inner hallway.

Children have been making camps in Pocket Park, and there is rubbish and bottles left there. Mr Bushby has been, and will continue to remove rubbish/bottles in that area.

Bowling - Little to report on the Club activities. The first game of the season will be on May 1st. The clubs activities will start the week prior to this. There is a broken concrete fence post, and the fencing along our boundary is rotten. The issue of overgrown vegetation still exists, and Mrs Henley asked for an update (Deputy Clerk to discuss with Clerk) regarding the previously planned meeting with Phil Williams. The Deputy Clerk to contact the owners of Lane End regarding the need to cut back their overgrown vegetation/bushes which are encroaching over the fence line.

The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 22nd April 2010

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