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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs Lawson, Clarke, Denison, Jolliffe, Parker, Qusted, Kipp

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Feest (Cricket Club) Mr Bushby (Groundsman)  
Mrs Henley (Bowling), Mrs Richards (MSF), Mr Jupp - Football

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sally Cooper (Deputy Clerk)

*The meeting opened at 7.35 pm*

*In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Jolliffe proposed Cllr Qusted, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawson, agreed unanimously, to act as Chairman for the meeting.*

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Barnett (Chairman)  
Mr Garland (Snooker), Mr Wood (Allotments).

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2010 were received and signed.

**Matters Arising From Minutes:**

Logs At Pocket Park – These logs are still there, despite a further reminder to Harwoods to arrange removal by their contractor. Mr Feest asked if the Cricket Club could utilize them as a natural barrier to stop the cricket balls being lost in the nettles. The committee AGREED that this could be done, although thought that the logs may still end up back in the stream. It was hoped that by placing them on the edge of the nettles that this may deter this activity.

Cllr Qusted noted a comment from the minutes that the groundsman had been very busy catching up on grounds maintenance following the poor weather, and wanted to note that the grounds are looking in superb condition, and gave thanks to Mr Bushby for his hard work.

### 3. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

**Cricket** – The first team are currently top of their league, and the second team have just won their first game. The Colts are also doing very well. The club won their first round game of the National Cup against Three Bridges. They have been drawn against Horsham in the next round, and this will be played at home on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Groundsman** - Now feels that he is on top of grounds maintenance. Very concerned about the amount of glass bottles that are being discarded on the recreation ground, some of which are being stamped in to the earth, causing a risk to users, as well as potentially damaging the machinery. Mr Bushby confirmed he would continue to remove any bottles/rubbish that he finds. The kids have continued to move the goalposts around the field, and the Football Club have raised concerns about damage/wear being caused to the formal pitch area. Mr Bushby suggested that the goal posts could be moved to the area at the side of the MSF, and secured. Cllr Jolliffe advised that he had recently spoken to Trevor Beadle of HDC, who had been involved recently with a similar issue in Storrington. A solution had been found by securing funding from Sport England, The Lottery, and WSCC as well as a contribution from the Parish, to lay "Astroturf" in the Goal Practice Area. Deputy Clerk to arrange a meeting with Trevor Beadle and Mr Bushby to discuss the location of the goals, and Deputy Clerk to follow up funding opportunities.

**Bowling** - The Club have now played two league matches and have scored 4 points in each game. They are now trailing by 4 points. The membership is currently 39 , although some of these members do not play, but are very active on the social side of the Club. The club has a home game against Arundel on 6<sup>th</sup> June, and Mrs Henley asked the Cricket Club if they could leave enough spaces in the car park, near the Bowling Green to accommodate the players, as this coincides with their match against Horsham.

**Allotments** – Mr Wood was not present but had asked the Deputy Clerk to ask the Committee when the sheds for the new allotments might be erected. The Clerk has advised the Deputy Clerk that there are insufficient funds for this to happen this year, however, the Committee could consider the option of allowing plot holders to provide their own sheds within the curtilage of their own plot. The committee considered this, and it was AGREED that plot holders may erect their own sheds, which must be of a size and style to match existing sheds, and must be approved by The Parish Office first. The plot holder would be responsible for removing the shed when they vacate the plot, or if leaving it, the shed must be in good condition, and given free of charge to the new plot holder. Sheds must be properly maintained by plot holders.

**Snooker Club** - Although there was no representative present, the Deputy Clerk had a report to give on a prior meeting with Paul Garland.

Concerns have been raised previously regarding access to the snooker clubs, and the fire alarms being set off. Clarification was sought as to who holds keys to the snooker rooms, and who is responsible for locking up, as well as access hours to the club. At the last Full Council meeting it was suggested that the club has specific “opening hours” of 10 am to 11pm as standard. In the event that the club requires an extension due to a pre booked match, then the Parish Office should be notified in writing or by e mail of the request to extend the opening hours on that date. Paul Garland agreed to these terms on behalf of the snooker Club. There are seven key holders. Deputy Clerk asked that a list of these keyholders be forwarded to the Parish Office. The Committee also asked that a designated key holder for each night is clearly noted by the club, and notified to the Parish Office, to ensure accountability for locking up.

**Football Club** – The season has now finished. The first team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12, and the Reserve team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 11. All equipment is now packed away in the container.

**Sports & Social Club** – Everything is running well. A meeting was held last Tuesday, to discuss the painting of the exterior of the club. This has now been authorized by The Parish Council, as a written quotation has been received from Lyndon Knight. Works to commence as soon as possible.

**MSF** – No issues with MSF. New netball posts and 5 a side football goals have been delivered and have now been erected. Mrs Richards also undertakes the cleaning of the Sports and Social Club, and changing rooms. There has been a lot of rubbish including bottles thrown on the floor. Mrs Richards asked if two swing bins could be purchased. The Committee AGREED that they could. Mrs Richards to purchase locally and provide the Parish Office with the receipt. Concerns were also raised about people smoking in the changing rooms, as cigarette butts had been found. Mr Feest and Mr Jupp confirmed that they would ensure that their members were all made aware that smoking is prohibited in the building, and that the bins should be used.

The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2010**

..... Chairman

..... Date