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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATLINGTON PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 13th January 2014
AT 7.30PM IN THE WEST ROOM, OLD SCHOOL PLACE

Present:

Parish Council members: Barry Adby, Neil Boddington, Roddy Orr, Tony Williamson

Sports Club members: Chris Allen, Owen Lewis, Mick Lloyd, Bridget Griffiths

In Attendance: Paul Griffiths, Steve Strong, Keith Woolfson, Mark Carter, Janice Lorimer

1/14 Apologies

There were none.

2/14 Chairman's remarks

TW stated that this is an important meeting.

3/14 Declarations of interest

There were none.

4/14 To Accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2013 .It was noted that one change to the minutes was needed. In Minute 6, Views of Football Club .page 2 first line should read ' fixed fee' not 'fixed free'.

Resolved: That with the above change, these minutes were agreed a true record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

5/14 Matters Arising (not included in the Agenda)

a) Responses to rental increase and cleaning decision

KT had put together a draft User Cleaning Check List and this was agreed with the addition of specifying each part of the Social Area: foyer toilets, main hall and kitchen and adding cleaning up of any spillages. This will put up in the Pavilion and sent to users.

KT had drafted a Cleaning Schedule – Agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted that the Hire Rate increase was implemented on the 1st January 2014.

b) Responses to Neil Boddingtons paper "Plan for the streamlining of the Sport Club

TW stated that we do not have any FC members on this committee so it is not represented at the moment however it is hoped that in future we will have representation.

TW then invited the Football Club to speak on this issue. PG stated that the paper will be discussed at the next FC meeting on 2nd February and will then write to us with their comments. He agreed that comments will be sent to this committee by the 5th February.

For Cricket Club CA stated that there was a meeting of the CC committee last night and committee members of Aunt Sally and Darts were invited. 7 scenarios were discussed and there was a unanimous agreement in principle that NB plan for streamlining the SC is the way forward.

A vote took place on if this item should be deferred to the next meeting on the 10/2/104 so that we can have the comments from the FC. It was agreed to ask for the comments from the CC and FC to be in writing.

Vote: 7 in favour, 1 abstention. **CARRIED**

6/14 Use of Sports Field – report from Sports Club Meeting held on Sunday 5th January 2014

ML stated that nothing on this issue was concluded on at this meeting. There is a Sports Club meeting scheduled for the 19/1/14 as long as quotes from the repair of the outfield have been received. If quotes are not received for this date the meeting will take place on the 2/2/14. TW stated that if the CC are going to be able to play cricket in the summer there needs to be a workable arrangement in place on when the field is used and repaired as this committee has a duty to make sure that this happens. ML expressed personal doubts that the CC and FC could come to an arrangement.

The CC stated were happy to entertain Youth Football on the outfield as long as the ground is prepared and maintained. OL has asked 4 companies to come and quote for the repair of the field. He has met with one company and is meeting another later this week. The quote will include such things as; seeding, scarification, aeration, top dressing as necessary. OL stated that the outfield at the moment should not be used by football as with the wet weather at the moment any use will churn up the ground. OL said that he is happy to share the information once quotes have been received but does not think that the FC should determine who should do the work.

TW invited the Football Club to give the committee their views on this issue. PG stated that the FC have an agreement in principle that there should be a programme of works for the outfield and that the FC are committed to ensure what needs to be done to put the ground back in the condition it was in before it was used for football. He said that he only saw the CC report very near to the 5 January meeting so was not able to be discussed. FC will also be getting quotes for the work needed. FC need to have a programme of works and costs for this and then could ensure a resolution on this issue at a Sports Club meeting. SS said that they are trying to do as little damage as possible and said that until the ground dries out it will not be used for football and that they will be using the top field instead. However this could mean having to cancel some of Men's matches and if this is the case they will need to be rescheduled to later in the season.

TW said never has there been such enthusiasm from both Football and Cricket and this naturally leads to disagreements, however the Parish Council as lease-holder has responsibility for the sports field and, as the ground is so important to both clubs, the Pavilion Committee has to be involved and to be party in any agreement. NB asked if the school had any facilities that the mini-soccer could use in these wet conditions. NB said that in the past the SC have always managed the sports field but now with the disagreements (eg Football marking out pitches on the cricket field without CC agreement) the SC working is not acceptable. He went on to say that the FC and CC are not close at the moment and therefore it will be up to this committee to sort out the field. RO said that it is fantastic that we have a thriving FC and CC and there has to be a deadline for an agreement to be reached with the constraints of time and costs

TW put forward the following

Resolution: That we ask the FC and the CC to put in writing to KT by the 5th of February their position on this issue if they have not come to agreement in the SC on the use and repair of the outfield. If they have agreed in the SC, then the SC agreement would be sent to KT by 5th of February. This committee can then discuss issue on the 10/2/2014 with a view to putting a recommendation to Full Council for the 11/2/14. The Football Club not to play any football on the outfield from now until the 10/2/2015 when this issue will be further discussed if an agreement is not made by the SC.

Vote: 6 in favour, 2 abstentions – **CARRIED**.

It was noted that the FC agreed not to play any football on the outfield from now until the 10/2/2014. RO said that it was in the FC interest to keep the outfield in good order and if not they would not be allowed to use it next year.

The rabbit problem was noted and that we have had ferrets and shotguns used to get rid of them. Gas can only be used in certain areas and that with the current weather they are multiplying. This issue has been discussed many times and there is no clear way of getting rid of them altogether. OL said that every season the CC repair/fill in the rabbit holes but they still come back.

7/14 Pavilion Business Plan – progress on

TW said that FF has severely criticised the Parish Council for not having produced this since agreeing to do so in 2011. He now saw that WSFC's Business Plan had to bring together the 5 year plans for Football, Cricket, the Pavilion Building and the Sports Field, along with the operation of the Bar and the Financial Plan.

- a. **Football 5 year Development Plan** – PG said this is being worked on by a group of 4 at the moment. PG is working on a single development plan for both Cricket and Football but will send through the present SC Development Plan and the present draft Football Development Plan to TW.
- b. **Cricket 5 year Development Plan** – OL said that this has been done and they are now in Year 3 of the plan. OL said he wishes to step away from this but will send the current plan to TW/KT
- c. **Pavilion Building 5 year Development Plan** – BA agreed to look in planned maintenance and running costs for the next 5 years and this will be available for the next meeting.
- d. **Sports Field 5 year Development Plan** – This needs to be done in conjunction with the quotes for repair of the outfield.
- e. **Bar Development Plan** – It was agreed that this just needs to be a Bar Statement.
- f. **Financial plan for next 5 years** – We will need to have a full discussion on this at some point

8/14 Pavilion building issues

There were none other than some bulbs need replacing and BA will attend to this.

9/14 Sports Field issues

There were no other issues to discuss.

10/14 Financial issues

Budget Update – KT had sent this through and the position as at 201/2014 was noted.

SC Accounts – BG said that she will update accounts available for the next meeting.

Purchasing of items for Pavilion and Sports Field – It was noted that, if VAT is to be re-claimed on purchased items, all must be ordered by the Clerk.

11/14 Dates of Meetings in 2014: **Monday 10th February 2014**
Monday 21st April
Monday 30th June
Monday 8th September
Monday 10th November

12/14 Any Other Business

Opening/Closing of the Pavilion- BA said that no one opens or locks the pavilion after use apart from himself unless the bar is being used. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM