

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting – 4 May 2016; 7.30 at the pavilion.

**1. Apologies** : Emma Elford

**2. Attendees** : Reg Stone (Chair), David Richards, Jane Donovan, Kelvin Speirs (Cricket), Tina Lambert (Honeybees) , Ian Earl (Football) , Andrew Holdsworth (Archery), Jo Taylor (Stoolball) , Jonathan Taylor (Junior Football).

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were agreed and signed.

**3. Matters Arising**

- a) No information had yet been received from Sian regarding feasibility of filling in the dip at the north of the Playing Field
- b) Radiator Guards : it was confirmed that there is a legal requirement to have these fitted. TL had obtained brochure with designs of slimline guards; JD was to find cheapest price and obtain four new guards.

**4. User Reports**

**a) Archery**

There had been a beginner's course and attracted new members. 4<sup>th</sup> June is to be a "general" Big Archery Day. It was requested that the mowing should now be done all over the playing field. Some areas were still too boggy particularly parts of the football pitch which was not draining properly.

There followed a long discussion regarding the condition of the field and the increasing necessity for drainage for the whole field to make it usable for all sports. If clubs were to remain in the village and based at the field, it was felt that the priority for investment was the state of the playing surface. Both football clubs had not been able to use the field for three months of the year and were incurring significant expense playing matches away from the village using artificial surfaces. It was felt that this investment was of a greater priority than a replacement pavilion as the condition of a grass-based playing surface is integral and fundamental to all of the requirements of the sports clubs. RS was to look into details of potential contractors for this work and obtain quotes. The football clubs also floated the notion of a 3g(artificial pitch) as an ideal development but more feasibility was required on potential sites and funding solutions.

**b) Cricket**

Concerns were raised at the condition of the outfield following the end of the football season. Additional repair work was required. It was also reported that the showers were not working properly. New mugs for the kitchen had been purchased and it was requested that all users wash these up properly.

**c) Stoolball**

The stoolball club are experiencing problems with car parking for evening matches as users had not been able to park in the car park due to the high numbers of car parked by commuters. It appeared that the Playgroup bollard system was not properly working or was being ignored.

There was a long discussion about potential solutions for car parking but without conclusion as all viable solutions involved an increase in cost to address the problem. The club reported that the cupboard in the external storeroom needed to be cleared. Jon T agreed to do this. The light in the ladies toilet was still not working. JD agreed to look into this.

**d) Junior Football**

The season in terms of competitive matches had finished on 30 April although due to popular demand the club were continuing with summer training for certain age groups. Over 250 people had attended the recent end of season presentation day and the club had received a lot of positive feedback on the community atmosphere on the day. The club requested that they should have a fixed day in the season's calendar for future events and this was agreed at a Saturday in mid-April for future

years. It was also reported that the goals at the bottom of the field were badly eroded and may need to be removed.

The club also reported that they were keen to review their hire agreement with the PC so it reflected actual usage and they did not have to rely on favours from other users. JT and RS to work on a new hiring arrangement which would not compromise other users.

**e) Honeybees**

TL was pleased to report that things were improving for Honeybees,. The numbers for September were looking good and children were coming from the new housing development in the village. They had reduced operating times to half days only. TL reported that £6000 was raised between January and March.

**f) Football**

The club had a good season and both teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective leagues and were runners-up in the Cup competition. There will be a new coach for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team with new joiners from the u17 team.

**5. General Maintenance**

**a) Pavilion**

A quote was still awaited from an electrician to replace the roof lights in the pavilion. The bulb in the disabled toilet needed replacing with one of the fittings in need of repair.

**b) Play Area** – all members of the committee had received the reports and made comments outside the meeting.

**6. New Pavilion**

Quotes had been received for design and build in a modular solution ; this was priced between £450,000- £500,000 which was much higher than had been anticipated and not significantly cheaper than traditional building. Due to high costs of replacement options and urgent need for investment in other parts of the playing field it was agreed for users to consult again with clubs on their priorities and whether a refurbishment option would be a more viable solution.

**7. Memorial Tree**

It was requested that a tree be planted in memory of Alice Brinkhurst. There were no objections and it was agreed to ascertain the type of tree and most suitable place for this to be planted.

**8. Woodland Walk**

There had been complaints that a new structure has been built in this area. It was agreed that this was not a new structure but a naturally planted willow arbour.

**9. Percy's Patch**

The parish council were investigating the ownership of the ground adjacent to this area as rubbish was being dumped and it need to be cleared.

The date of the next meeting was set for 6 July 2016 at 7.30 in the pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm