

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting –26 September 2018; 7.30 at the pavilion.

**1. Apologies** : Paul Stevens

**2. Attendees** : Nick Satchell, , Kelvin Speirs, Jo Taylor, Andrew Holdsworth , Andy McStravick Tina Lambert Jane Donovan Chris Holden

3. The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were agreed to be signed off at the next Parish Council meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

a) KS had not yet dealt with gift to Steve. JD agreed to make the necessary purchases and complete.

b) Nick had met with Andre Gardiner from Plumpton College and was meeting him again in two weeks to discuss a survey to be made on the field in the Spring. He also needed to be asked about spraying some areas for weed killer as parts of the field had more weeds than grass !

**5. User Reports**

**a) Football**

They now only had one team and so far had only played 3 games. The League had now been restructured and we will need to wait to see how this will affect the club.

**b) Cricket**

The 1<sup>st</sup> eleven had finished mid-table in Division 5 (Central ) of the Sussex County League .The 2<sup>nd</sup> eleven had gained promotion from Division 9 (Central).The Club had reached the Semi-final of the Inter Sport Cup.

**c) Stoolball**

They had also finished mid-table in their League and won the trophy for the August League. In the recent Commemoration game at the Playing Field held in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice, and following Presentation evening, over £500 had been raised. They would be playing in an Indoor League at the College on Tuesdays during the winter.

**d) Activity Scheme**

They had run for 14 days and had full attendance every day .They will be celebrating 30 years in 2019 and hoped to have a special event on a Sunday afternoon. They needed their own storage and were looking to purchase a shed. Their A G M was in October.

**e) Archery**

They had a stable number of members . They had run several “Have a go “ sessions all summer which resulted in a Full Beginners course starting on Sunday. They had a good relation ship with Plumpton College and will be shooting there one day a week during the winter.

**f) Honeybees**

They had 36 children on roll and were popular as they were able to offer mostly outside activities and also facilities and provision for children with Special Educational Needs. TL had met with PS with a view to having further shrubs cut back North of the Play Area.

**g) Junior Football**

They had 170 children on their books with Age Groups ranging from Under 5's to Under 14's. They were capping numbers for each age group. They had marked out several different sized pitches round the field. They were also using Ditchling, Great Walstead and Hanbury Park for training in the week. Parking could be a problem when the weather changes as at the moment they are able to park in the field.

**6) Maintenance**

a) A full Fire Assessment had been made with a list of actions to be made within a year. JD had received a quote for a full electrical test which would include the much needed repair of the lights in the main hall.

- b) A quote of £500.00 had been received for some new curtains but some members felt that this was excessive.
- c) NS had arranged for full decoration of the Pavilion to be made shortly to complete the refurbishment.
- d) A broken gate and fence in the play park were being repaired and also the trees would be lopped.
- e) JD had several bookings for the Pavilion for evenings. JT felt if this was the case, the men's toilets needed to be refurbished as a matter of urgency.

7. Any other business

- 1) Cutting of the grass was discussed and NS to get in touch with the contractor regarding further cuts this year. The meeting also agreed that the long grass in the meadow area should now be cut back as this did not have many wild flowers and just attracted dogs and was no longer an asset.
  - 2) JUMBLE SALE
- JT reported a profit of £901.15 for pavilion funds.
- 3) The Memorial Plaques from the main gates should now be reinstated. KS to contact David Richards as to their whereabouts.
  - 4) The Tennis Club access gate was continuously being left open which was a concern. Also the speed of the care using the track was excessive NS to contact the tennis club.
  - 5) Stakes were to be put round the 11 a side pitch to prevent public use during the week.

The next playing field meeting is set for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 in the Pavilion.