

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting – 13 September 2017; 7.30 at the pavilion.

1. Apologies : Andrew Holdsworth

2. Attendees : Emma Elford, Tina Lambert, Jo Taylor, Kelvin Speirs, Jane Donovan, Stephen Morris, Luke Hayman, Martin Hibberd

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. KS asked for an addition to be noted that had pointed out the weeds on the grass on the field were in need of attention.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

3. Refurbishment

The meeting was joined by Steven Bodsworth who distributed copies of plans for work in the main building and also the changing rooms. He has also distributed his formal quote to the Parish Council for the all of the work he was about to undertake. LH volunteered to obtain copies for all of the Playing Field Committee members for their retention. LH would also arrange for a skip for the Playing Field so that all inside stores can be sorted, emptied and tidied before work commences.

Steve hoped to start work at the end of October.

4. User Reports

a) Cricket

The club had a good season with the 1st XI Cup Final on Saturday. They had finished 4th in Division 1 with the 2nd XI halfway in Division 5. The structure of the league is expected to change by 2019.

b) Honeybees

They are now open for 35 hours a week and are near capacity with predominantly children from Plumpton. Finances are good and very different compared with this time 2 years ago.

c) Football

The club are running two teams with a new management committee and 50 players signed. 1st XI mainly from Plumpton with the 2nd XI mixed. They will be training at Burgess Hill Academy from October.

d) Stoolball

The club had an enjoyable season in spite of the weather and finished mid-table. There is a game on Sunday to raise money for the Hospice.

e) Archery / Junior Football

No report.

5. Maintenance

- a) J is to remove the old goal posts at the north of the field. SM will order new replacement goals.
- b) The cricket nets are in need of repair with a decision required by the cricket club as to whether they should continue to be in place.
- c) The mound in the playpark will be refurbished shortly.

6. Any Other Business

- a) £896 towards pavilion funds were raised from the jumble sale on September 2. JT was disappointed at the support from users but will run another jumble next year with hope of greater support.

- b) There have been comments in the village about the parking situation during Junior Football matches on Saturday mornings. The Junior Football Committee must try to manage this by asking people to walk or car share.
- c) KS will e-mail Plumpton College to ask for advice on the state and management of the grass on the playing field. He will also get in touch with the Ditchling groundsman.

The next playing field meeting is set for Wednesday 1 November at 7.30 in the Pavilion.