

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting –3 January 2019 7.30 at the pavilion.

1. **Apologies** : Paul Stevens Kelvin Speirs Jane Donovan Andrew Holdsworth,
2. **Attendees** : Nick Satchell Tina Lambert Jo Taylor Simon Ward Andy Manville

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

4. **Matters Arising**
 - a)The College will be inspecting the field in the spring.
 - b)NS to contact JD regarding the Memorial Plaque and the quote for new curtains.
 - c)NS to meet LH to discuss positioning of required shed.

5. User Reports

- a) **Football**

They were having a successful season playing wise but were struggling to keep their heads above water financially. They now had several young players /students which was encouraging but they were not able to charge them full match fees. They were training at Oakmeads which was quite expensive but were coping with the cost at the moment. They had obtained a replacement washing machine and tumble drier. NS to contact JD regarding installation of extractor fan in Utility room.
- b) **Cricket**

The club had produced details of fixtures and need of the field for the coming season. This was passed on to the meeting.
- c) **Stoolball**

They were still playing in the indoor league they had instigated at the College on Tuesdays. They had now been given all fixtures for 2019 season and the first league match was on Thursday 3rd May.
- d) **Activity Scheme**

No report
- e) **Junior Football**

They had been quiet over the holiday but will be back to normal on Saturday. They were still using Great Walstead for training and Ditchling for some matches. They had met with the Racecourse regarding the parking situation on Saturdays but with only negative results as the Racecourse required Liability Insurance from the Junior Football Club which they were not willing to pay for . At the moment all pitches were holding up well. Simon was assured that all Health and Safety requirements were ongoing.
- f) **Honeybees**

They are now Registered for 30 children but keep to 26 as a manageable number. They had cleared a further area for the children to use but had received a protest from a local resident. They had since agreed to reduce the size of the area originally cleared . NS will follow up as he was not aware of the situation.

They had obtained a special doll for a child with a prosthetic leg and TL had been interviewed by Radio Sussex and articles would be published in the local papers. This was good positive publicity.
- g) **Archery**

No report

Maintenance

1. Lewes District were expecting to receive £350,000 from the new development in the village by Carla Homes. 25% of this will be available to Plumpton Parish Council giving an amount of £87,500 to be used on definite projects to benefit the village. The main project for the Playing Field Committee would perhaps be the filling in of the dip at the North side of the field with a view to creating an “all weather pitch”.Also further refurbishment of the outside of the Pavilion would be a project.

2. NS will be producing 3 quotes for full decoration throughout the Pavilion to the Parish Council at their meeting next week. It was hoped that all re-decoration would be completed by the Spring.
3. The work required from the Fire Reports was ongoing and TL reported that a contractor was due at the Pavilion on 15/16 January .TL was to ask for all smoke alarms to be connected to the main electricity supply as they had had problems with random warnings for no apparent reason.

Any Other Business

- a) NS produced a list of rents paid by users and for some the charge had not been increased for the last 5 years. There would be a slight increase for last season and the rents would then increase annually in line with inflation.
- b) AM informed the meeting that their storage shed at the far east side of the field would not be used in the future so was available for use by another club. They would like a larger storage facility within the Pavilion or nearby as the space they had been allocated was inadequate.

The next playing field meeting is on set for 21st March 2019 at 7.30 in the Pavilion.

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