

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting –7th September 2022 7.30 at the pavilion.

1. **Apologies** : Becca Baker , Jane Donovan
2. **Attendees** : Ron Jury (Chairman), Jim Brown (PC), Nick Satchell (PC), Kelvin Speirs (Cricket), Tina Lambert (Honeybees), Jo Taylor (Stoolball), Simon Ward (Junior Football), Rob Leaney (Archery)
3. There were no matters of pecuniary and disposable interest to be discussed.

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

4. **Matters Arising**

These to be dealt with later in the meeting

5. **User Reports**

a) **Senior Football**

NS reported that they had been knocked out in a previous quarter of a cup match only to learn that the opposition had been disqualified due to the inclusion of ineligible players. Matches had been replayed and they were now in a final to be played on 25th September. The shed had yet to be removed and KS was in contact with the Club over the urgency of the removal. When removed the Archery are keen to claim the space.

b) **Cricket**

They had been able to get 2 teams out each week with 1st X1 finishing 7th in Division 5 C of the Sussex League and the 2nd X1 finishing 4th in Division 9C. They did not lose one Saturday due to the weather ---the first time in many years. The Junior Section had again proved successful and they had been able to enter 2 teams (Under 10's and Under 12's) in a league and a presentation evening had been held the previous Saturday. The grass cutting had proved to be most successful.

c) **Stoolball**

We had an enjoyable season finishing 6th in our League. We had gained new players which which was encouraging. A commemorative game in aid of the Hospice was to be held on Sunday 11th September.

d) **Activity Scheme**

The Chairman had sent an email to RJ with her apologies. In this she extended her thanks to the Playing Field and JD for their support and assistance. There had been one or two issues with broken curtain rails and a wasp nest. They had a great year with positive feedback and are reflecting on this and looking for ways to improve. They are working on building a strong committee and looking for more volunteers. They want to use the Pavilion next year and will be in contact to arrange dates.

e) **Junior Football**

We have 270 children enrolled for the current season with ages ranging from 5 years to 17 years. We will be running teams for all age groups with the exception of Under 15's and Under 16's. Some of the under 17 group are also joining with the Senior football. The Under 10's to Under 14's will be training at the Playing Field; all others will be at Plumpton College.

The defibrillator unit provided by Junior Football is due to expire in January 2023 and SW asked that the cost of the replacement be covered by the Parish Council. It may be free - RJ to confirm.

f) **Honeybees**

They now have a new Manager and numbers are healthy. We have 36 names on roll but are capping the numbers at 25 to allow us to accept any newcomers who qualify by moving into the village. The number will be increased to 41 after Christmas. To avoid any noise problem to neighbours, parents are now asked to drop children at the front door at 8 am. They will then restrict the outdoor activities to between 10.30 and

12. 30 and 1.30 and 3.30 pm. The Pirate ship constructed for the "Platinum" celebrations is to be relocated. TL is still the contact for Community matters

g) Archery

We have had a good season which included days away with other clubs. We also joined a Postal league where we were able to send in both club and individual results. We have a strong membership and a fully booked Beginners Course in October.

These courses are limited as are run by volunteers. We ran 4 "Have a go sessions" in the summer. We will stop mid-week sessions when the clocks change and move to the College. 1st Sunday of the month will also be at the college. We are also involved in coaching for Sussex.

With regard to Archery using the space that will be vacated once the Nye shed is removed RJ suggested that Archery prepare a proposal for the intended container to present to PPC. RL requested that he be invited to the December PPC meeting and that a formal Agenda item is raised for that meeting.

6. Maintenance

- a) Arrangements had been made to remove a new mole hill.
- b) DT had been asked to supply costings for new cladding to go round the outside of the building.
- c) The large ramp in the Skate Park needed checking over, to see if possible replacement would be necessary.
- d) AE had arranged for the play park sand to be topped up.
- e) The Showers were still not satisfactory as a lot of water remaining in the surrounding areas after use. RJ to follow up with James Eastwood.
- f) AE had also arranged for any overhanging trees to be lopped.
- g) JT reported a profit of £1090 from the previous Saturdays Jumble Sale. She thanked all those who had helped and requested that no invoice should be issued from the Parish Council for the Hire of the Hall which had happened in the past. JT stated that she would not be prepared to run any further Jumble Sales.

7) Any Other Business

- a) The Cricket Club were holding a work party on September 25th to work on the Square. KS also asked the meeting if they would have any objection to a permanent Scorebox being installed in the left of the front covered area. There was no objection, but RJ suggested KS prepare a brief document with sizing etc to share with PPC
- b) SW asked if there was any chance of the Junior Football using the pitch nearest the Archery on Sundays..It was felt that some afternoons could be possible as in past years.
- c) It was agreed that the timed lights in the changing rooms and gents toilet were on far too long and the timing should be altered. NS agreed to follow this up.

The next playing field meeting is set for 30th November at 7.30 in the Pavilion.