



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Playing Field Committee held at the Pavilion on 11th March 2024 at 19:30.

Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS), Simon Ward (SW rep Junior Football), Kelvin Speirs (KS rep Cricket Club), Tina Lambert (TL rep Honeybees), David Wearn (DW rep Archery).

Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).

Absent: Jo Taylor (rep Stoolball)

MOP's: 1 (Archery representative)

It was agreed that Cllr Nick Beaumont would chair the meeting.

The AGENDA is as follows:

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Jo Taylor tendered her apologies and reasons for absence accepted.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council Playing Field Committee meeting held on 4th October 2023.
 - Unanimously approved.
4. Matters arising and reporting from previous meeting.
 - None
5. User Reports:
 - a. Cricket

KS reported – club attending indoor nets for last 3 weeks. Trying to remedy the cricket matting – planter in the way to get it up and has pinned it down. Cllr JB to come down and help remove without removing planter. **Cllr JB to action.**
 - b. Stoolball

KS reported on behalf of Stoolball. AGM on 12th March – playing mixed on a Thursday evening at Uckfield.



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c. Activity Scheme

- Agreed to remove from agenda as activity scheme don't attend nor provide a report.

d. Junior Football

SW reported – 1/3 way through season – well behind number of games played U11/12 who use area by cricket pitch. Club willing to put time and money on drainage solution. Ask ground maintenance company on what they recommend. Rest of field hasn't been too bad as has drainage (area is in parallel with tree line opposite pavilion). AE to speak to Bourne about how to drain it better. **Clerk to action.**

Club in good shape most teams in cup finals/doing well in league. One player was on the bench for Wolves at the weekend.

Season has to finish by the cricket season start.

7th September is end of cricket season (last match). Desperate for all weather venue within the parish, sadly no land available (min area required one hectare).

e. Honeybees

TL reported – doing well – trialling government funded hours which is now extended to any 2 year old of a working parent now entitled to 15 hours. Inundated with requests for 2 year olds (inc out of area, priority to within parish families). In September taking babies (from 12 months) – designated area in the classroom has been arranged for babies and putting younger children in there that are very young which was trialled last week with – worked well. Come Sept can only take 4/5 at a push. Full for September. Had a high level of EHCP submissions to the local authority, high disadvantaged groups, 6 children on register out of 40 who have taken free spaces (children from Plumpton and Plumpton Green). Staff going on specific training and employed another full time who has experience of speech and language. About to get HALO (Healthy Active Little Ones) accreditation and are hoping for the excellence level.

f. Archery

DW reported – drainage an issue – look at drainage behind last football pitch as becomes a bog. Happy to contribute. **Clerk to action.**

Archery healthy – shoot all year round (Sundays in the winter and Tues and Thursday in Summer) Use college in the winter. Beginners course next month.

Attempted break in on the containers – damaged door but didn't get in.

Planting some hedging in front of the containers – do PPC still want them to do that and put in some native hedging. Agreed to proceed with hedging.

g. Senior Football

KS reported – having looked on website – have seven games to play 4 of which are home, in one cup semi-final. Not miles behind in their play. Come end of the month have option in the evenings.

6. Maintenance

- Clerk updated committee on Bourne schedule for annual maintenance
- Grass cutting not being done for last few weeks. Grass cutting really good first year and not taking as much time nor care on the cutting. **Clerk to speak to Countrywide.**



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- SW - Outside toilet door still jamming – Cllr JB advised to leave it for a while as swollen due to weather conditions.
- Drainage of sewage pipes – advised pipes will backfill during wet weather due to nature of their positioning.
- KS - Planters – well-meaning but would have been better to have been consulted the clubs. Noted.

7. Update on new pavilion project

- Clerk – reported that 8 companies had been contacted – 4 had responded. Collating information to report to the working group on the 19th March with a view to report back to full council in April. Will need to get to planning stage and spend some money in order to be in a position to apply for grants etc etc.

8. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and Members and/or to be included in future meetings

- Cllr NB – land beyond play area – will it be cleared and used. SW wants PPC to deal with it as landowner. Clerk to speak to Bourne Sport about making good and being made available to all clubs/groups. **Clerk to action and report back with costings. Clerk to advise clubs when meeting will take place.**

Meeting Closed: 20.18

Date of next meeting:

27th June 2024 – 19:30 @ Village hall

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 12.3.2024