

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of Meeting of **THE FLETCHING RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 21st September 2023 in Fletching Pavilion, Church Street, Fletching (7 – 7.43pm).

PRESENT: Councillors R Hannay (Chair), John Shaw (Booking Secretary), Sharon Hobbs (Stoolball Club) and Chris Rothery.

Also in attendance: Gabriella Paterson-Griggs, Clerk and RFO Fletching Parish Council

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received from Darren Bradley.

23/20. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2023 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

23/21. MATTERS ARISING

Playground Inspection: It was noted that the next inspection would take place in the spring of 2024.

Fencing Repairs: It was reported that the fencing repairs and new gate post had now been completed.

Bank Signatories: The new signatories for the bank account had been set up and the old ones removed from the accounts.

23/22. PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk reported that the insurance claim for the water damage had now been completed and the Committee thanked John Shaw for all his hard work in dealing with the claim. It was confirmed that the monies had been received into the bank account.

With regards to the refurbishment project, it was reported that a structural engineer had produced a report based on vaulting the ceiling in the bar area and had submitted a building regulations application on behalf of the FRGC. The Clerk explained that the builder was in the process of putting a quote together based on the structural engineer drawings and that she had made enquiries to a company in respect of solar panels. Further quotes would also be sought for the windows (including the old metal ones) and entrance door as well as electrics and plumbing works. It was noted that the timescale given to the builder was for the works to be finished by April 2024. Updates would be circulated to the Committee on a regular basis.

It was **AGREED** that once the refurbishment had been completed that a re-opening ceremony take place.

23/23. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Bookings Secretary reported that:

- Some of the bookings had had to be cancelled due to the bad weather
- The Bonfire Society had booked the recreation ground for a summer fete on 20th July 2024
- The Garden Trail would be taking place on Sunday 30th June 2024
- The booking fees for the Cricket Club were currently being calculated for the 2023 season
- The Cricket Club had been notified of the external bookings accepted during the 2024 season

Wedding Reception: It was reported that a request had been made to hire the pavilion and the recreation ground with a marquee for a wedding reception in August 2024. It was noted that with regards to the marquee the couple were in discussions with the cricket club to see whether they could utilise the marquee that the club erects for the summer party each year. The charge for the

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pavilion and the recreation ground was discussed and it was **AGREED** that the fee would be no more than £200.

23/24. CRICKET CLUB REPORT

Chris Rothery reported, in the absence of a cricket club representative, that the season had been fairly successful. The juniors were very strong and the cricket week that had been held for the first time that season had gone well.

23/25. FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT

No report was received from the football club but it was noted that the season had only just started.

23/26. STOOLBALL CLUB REPORT

Sharon Hobbs reported that it had not been a good season for the stoolball club as they had not been able to field enough players for a number of the league games and had cancelled the proposed festival. The club was looking at how to recruit more players for the next season. It was suggested that flyers be given out at the toddlers' club as well as advertising on social media.

23/27. FINANCE

Treasurer Report: It was reported that income would be reduced compared to the previous year and that the insurance excess would also have to come out of the accounts. More detailed reports were being prepared now that the insurance claim monies had been received.

23/28. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Shaw reported that George Gibson had been in touch to say that he was retiring from the work he undertook in and around the pavilion and recreation ground. It was also noted that Andy Shanks may not be able to continue due to health issues.

The Committee thanked them both for all the work they had undertaken on a voluntary basis for a number of years.

23/29. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the FRGC is due to be held on:

Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7pm in the Pavilion.