

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on
Monday 12th September 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Simon Harris - Chairman
Michael Bath
Norman Gillam
Andy Letts
Guy Palmer (Parish Council Representative)

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

To appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman – There were no nominations for either Chairman or Vice Chairman. It was therefore agreed to appoint a Chair on a meeting-by-meeting basis. It was proposed by Norman and seconded by Michael that Simon be nominated to act as Chairman for the meeting. The meeting continued with Simon in the Chair.

Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Dennis Letts.

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda – there were no Declarations of Interest.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 20th June 2022** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Football -pitch maintenance and teams** – Andy commented that there were now three teams playing on the 11 a side pitch. Due to the field being so dry, Andy asked that the teams be notified that training should not take place on the pitches.
Action: **KG**.
- 2.1 **Waterhall Stars Fundraiser feedback** – The main issue with the event was the parking. There were cars parked in Battle Close and in other areas of the village. Andy commented that there was a lot of information regarding the event on social media sites and either the participants didn't read it or didn't bother with it. One of the groundsmen spent two hours on the field clearing away litter and there was a considerable amount of black sacks left in the car park. It was noted that the Lakers representative had not attended a committee meeting. It was agreed that if any further events were requested, that the organiser should provide a risk assessment and plan for the event prior to any booking being taken.
3. **Cricket**
 - 3.1 **Square maintenance** – Andy reported that maintenance on the square was going well. The pitch had been sprayed and was ready for loaming once it had been spiked.

- 3.2 **Cricket fees** – The clerk commented that the current fees for Wollaston and Wellingborough were £85.00 per game. It was proposed by Andy and seconded by Michael that the fees for next season be set at £95.00 as they had a long-term affiliation with Emberton. An approach had been made from MK Rising Stars who had played at Emberton on an occasional basis to have a permanent ground for Sundays next season. It was proposed by Andy and seconded by Michael that MK Risings Stars be offered the ground on Sunday afternoons next season at a fee of £100 per game. It was proposed by Andy and seconded by Michael that the cricket fee for Clifton Reynes be increased from £80 per game to £90 per game. The clerk to notify the teams accordingly. Action: **KG**
- 3.3 **Sight screens** – Andy commented that 4 new wheels were purchased for the sight screens and the cost passed to Wollaston Cricket Club. It was noted that the Vat could not be reimbursed for the purchase as a donation had been received for payment.
4. **Tennis** – Nothing to report.
5. **ESSC update** – Andy reported that he had been unable to attend the previous two meetings but noted that the committee had the opening of the bar on their agenda.
6. **Changing rooms/showers** – It was noted that nothing had moved on with this project but the matter was in hand. **Action: SH and AH.** Guy asked how the facilities at Emberton compared to other clubs. Norman responded that most dressing rooms were larger to accommodate the cricket bags and that the cost of each cricket match reflected the facilities. It was noted that the biggest problem was heating the water.
7. **Field maintenance** – Michael commented that there was nothing further to report. Andy stated that rabbits were digging up the loose bits of grass and that this hadn't happened for a long time.
8. **Resident parking scheme** – The clerk commented that an email had been received from Olney Town Colts asking when the car park was going to be extended. A discussion took place around parking for football and it was agreed that teams should be asked to car share where possible to alleviate any problems. The clerk to raise this with Olney Town Colts. Action: **KG.**
9. **Footpath behind pavilion – damaged oak tree** – It was agreed that following the publication and circulation of Milton Keynes City Council's Operational Tree Policy, that it was unlikely that any further action would be taken. It was therefore agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
10. **Newport Pagnell Lions (Gerald Mann)** – It was noted that Gerald Mann had planted the lime tree at the top of the playing field around the year 2000 and that there could be a plaque installed on the tree. It was also noted that the field could accommodate a bench, with preference to one of composite construction for easy maintenance. Guy to take this back to the parish council. Action: **GP.**

- 11. To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** – The clerk’s report was noted. Andy stated that the cost of the loam seemed rather high in comparison to last year’s prices. The clerk to look into this. Action: **KG**. A discussion took place regarding the SRC playing for cleaning the pavilion but it was noted that the ESSC were covering the cost of electricity so no further action. The clerk commented that she had not seen a water bill and would take this up with the ESSC. Action: **KG**.
- 12. Assets and insurance** – The clerk reported that the insurers had requested the details for replacement value for the assets. Andy and Michael to work through the Asset Register to establish replacement value for assets held. Action: **MB/AL**.
- 13. Any other business**
- 13.1 **Defibrillator** – The clerk reported the costs of a defibrillator as follows:
- WEL Medical - £1590.00 including vat, St John’s Ambulance - £960.00 including vat, BHF - £1074.00 including vat
- Lockable cabinet** - St John’s Ambulance £505.00, Replacement pads £60.00, Replacement battery £198.00.
- It was agreed that the clerk would apply to the Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund for a grant and the shortfall made up from SRC funds. Action: **KG**.
- 13.2 **Storage of loam** – Andy reported that he was handling up to 120 x 25kg bags of loam and he would like the committee to consider having a lock up garage in the car park for ease of delivery. It was agreed to look at costs and put forward a £500 contingency for this in the maintenance grant. The clerk commented that the maintenance grant would need to be put together for the next meeting.
- 14. Date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 28th November 2022 at 7pm.
- The meeting closed at 8.30pm