

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on
Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7pm**

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

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

To appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman – Simon stated that he would agree to Chair the meeting.

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 28th November 2022** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th November 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
2. **Football (teams update)** – The clerk reported that The Dolphin FC were 6 weeks late in paying their invoice issued on the 1st November and that an invoice had now been issued for the next quarter's payment. It was also noted that the Chair of ESSC had advised that the carpets in the pavilion had been left very muddy following Sunday football games. The clerk commented that litter had also been left on the field. NG commented that if Dolphin FC did not pay their invoice by their game on the 26th February, they should not be allowed to play. The clerk to send both Sunday teams a polite reminder regarding the terms of the contracts in relation to payment and keeping pitches and pavilion tidy. **Action: KG**

A discussion took place regarding an enquiry for pitch availability for the 11th February. AL responded that due to the churned up adult pitch; no additional matches should be accepted until the middle of March.

3. **Cricket – update** - The clerk reported that she had advised the cricket teams of an increase in fees for this season and this had been acknowledged. The clerk had received the cricket fixtures from Wollaston. The clerk to chase the fixtures from Wellingborough. **Action: KG**. No response had been received from Rising Stars regarding playing cricket matches on Sundays.

Storage of loam – A discussion took place regarding receiving an estimate for a lock up garage for the storage of loam. The cost was in the region of £12,500 plus £2000 for the hard standing. The question was raised whether a small quantity of loam could be purchased to save storage. It was noted that 80 bags of loam were required for one treatment of the field. It was generally agreed that the SRC would

not be able to meet the cost of the storage for the loam but AL would obtain an estimate. It was also agreed to ask the ESSC if they could request removing the charity bin from the car park. **Action: KG**

4. **Tennis** – It was noted that the tennis court jet washing was in hand.
5. **ESSC update** – It was noted that there was a fault with one of the sensors in the changing rooms, setting the alarm off. This was due to be replaced. The clerk to find out from the ESSC whether this had taken place. **Action: KG**
6. **Changing rooms/showers** – AL to attend a forum to be held at MKCC's offices on the 28th February. **Action: AL**
7. **Field maintenance** – MB reported that the field would be spiked again in the next week and that a compressor was required to help blow up the equipment tyres. It had previously been noted that the Honda mower required replacement. It was proposed by NG and seconded by AL that a compressor and a Honda mower be purchased (compressor £200, mower £1300). It was agreed not to pursue the matter of a contractor marking out the pitch.
8. **Parking** – No real problems were raised but it was noted that the parking issues had moved further up into the village.
9. **Newport Pagnell Lions (Gerald Mann)** – It was noted that the Newport Pagnell Lions had now purchased a bench in memory for Mr G Mann and that the agreed location had been identified. The clerk to purchase a plaque for the lime tree at the top of the field that could be tied around the tree. **Action: KG to cost**
10. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** – The RFO's report was noted.
11. **Assets and insurance** – Andy to put together a list of the cricket assets so that the clerk could advise the insurers. **Action: AL/KG**. The clerk raised the issue of the sight screens which were owned by Wollaston from an insurance perspective. The clerk to ascertain whether Wollaston had insurance cover for them. **Action: KG**
12. **Defibrillator** – It was noted that the defibrillator had been installed and was registered with the South Central Ambulance Service.
13. **Committee concerns – Dog fouling** – note on What'sapp group regarding dog waste bags going in dog bins and not the general waste. **Car park 6th April** – Agreed that the car park could be used for parking for a wedding on the 6th April. **Wheelie bins** – The clerk to make enquiries with MKCC as to whether the playing field would qualify for the wheelie bins. **Action: KG**. **Groundsmen** – It was noted that one of the groundsmen had been unwell and would not be expected to do as much in the future. Reassurance was given that the remaining ground staff were able to cope with the maintenance of the field going forward.
14. **Date of next meeting** – To be held on Thursday 4th May at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm