

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Simon Harris - Chairman  
Michael Bath  
Andy Letts  
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 of absence were noted from Norman Gillam.

**Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
2. **Football** – Andy reported that he had met with the U14's football manager, Steve Parish, who asked if he could use the pavilion. Andy went through the opening and closing process with him. Ian Stokes was buying the nets for the goals. KG reported that there would be a spare set of keys coming back from one of the teams. AL to speak to the U14's manager regarding training on Thursdays. **Action: AL.** It was noted that Waterhall Stars would be returning to play on Sunday mornings and would be bringing a second team to pitch share.
3. **Cricket** – Noted that Nissan had not yet booked any further games. Clifton Reynes played a total of six games. The event for MK Stallions went well with no issues being reported.
4. **Tennis** – A discussion took place regarding the booking system to see if this could be set up online. The clerk to investigate this. **Action: KG**
5. **ESSC update** – Noted that the changing rooms project was on going.
6. **Field maintenance** – Andy reported that the paving slabs outside the patio doors were loose. The clerk to contact Chris Page. **Action: KG.** Andy commented that he needed to speak to Pitchcare to order grass seed and loam. A discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new gang mower (Wessex CRX-DR 180) at a cost of £5890 plus vat. **Post meeting note** – Trade in value of old gang mower was £400. It was noted that the new gang mower would require very little maintenance and use less diesel due to no hydraulics.

7. **Church fete** – It was noted that the car park should only be used for disabled parking and drop off and general parking would be at the top of the field. Andy to fence off the field for the fete. **Action: AL.** Guy referred to a risk assessment for the event. Simon to raise this. **Action: SH.**
8. **To receive the receipts and payments account** – This was noted.
9. **Committee concerns**
  - Steps by tennis courts** – Noted that a resident had a trip on the steps by the tennis courts. Andy to look at these. **Action: AL**
  - Helmet** – Agreed to pay for replacement of this. Guy to raise this with the parish council to request 50% payment. **Action: GP**
  - Risk Assessments** – Noted that any new machinery came with a risk assessment.
10. **Date of next meeting** – To be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm