

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm**

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

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO (via zoom)

**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 Lewis Fordham, Waterhall Stars FC.

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

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Football**
  - 2.1 **Pitch Maintenance** – It was noted that maintenance was running behind due to the weather although the goal mouths were in better condition.
  - 2.2 **Olney Town Colts teams for next season** – It has now been confirmed that the teams for next season would be 1 x U10's girls team, 1 x U12's girls team and 1 x U16's boys team. Andy to speak to Ian Stokes to find out pitch dimensions.  
**Action: AL.** The fees were agreed as follows: U10's girls team £250 per year, U12's girls team £250 per year, U16's boys team £350 per year. The clerk to advise Olney Town Colts and provide the Chairman with the contracts. **Action: KG.**
  - 2.3 **Waterhall Stars Fund Raiser** – Waterhall Stars had approached the SRC in May to ask if they could hold a tournament for a fund raiser. This was agreed via email. It was agreed that the field could be opened for parking but the car park and overflow would only take 60 vehicles. Suggestion made for Waterhall Stars to write to residents advising them of any potential disruption. It was agreed that the clerk would ask for further details (times arriving etc) and Andy would ascertain the pitch sizes. **Action: KG and AL.**

- 2.4 **Adult teams for next season** – The clerk commented that two approaches had been made to pitch share with Waterhall Stars next season as the Lakers team had folded in April. These were from FC MMIX and MK Milan FC. It was agreed to offer the pitch share to FC MMIX as they had made the first approach. It was agreed that the fees for the forthcoming season would be set at £800 each with payment made in advance rather than in arrears. The clerk to advise both teams. **Action: KG.**
3. **Cricket**
- 3.1 **Square maintenance** – Andy reported that he was still working on pitch 10 and would do further work on this in the coming weeks. Michael scarified the whole field a couple of times. A total of 39 cricket matches had been booked, although two had been cancelled due to the weather.
- 3.2 **Cricket fixtures** – Clifton Reynes were using the pitch on Thursday evenings and an additional game had been booked by one of the players on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. The clerk commented that Nissan had not made any further bookings following their match on the 10<sup>th</sup> June but had been advised that the pitch was available.
4. **Tennis** – It was noted that the weeds in the tennis court needed strimming off and spraying. Reference was made to using the tennis court for other sports, basketball being one of them. It was felt that the best option would be to have a hoop outside the court. It was agreed to have a look at costs for this. **Action: SH and AL.** It was noted that the tennis court only provided income when it was booked by a coach for a training session.
5. **ESSC update** – The clerk reported that the ESSC had met and decided that at the present time that the committees would not be joining.
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.**
7. **Field maintenance** – The sprayer had been repaired and part of the field had been sprayed with the remainder of the spraying being undertaken next week. It was noted that the old mower used on the square was not working and had been taken apart for repair.
8. **Resident parking scheme** – The clerk reported that the posts had been installed but the scheme had not yet been set up on MKC's system. Andy asked if the pavilion would be included in the scheme. The clerk to ascertain this. **Action: KG.**
9. **Footpath behind pavilion – damaged oak tree** – It was noted that no action had been taken on this. The clerk to chase. **Action: KG.**
10. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** – The clerk reported that there was currently £4543.07 in the Sports & Recreation account with £659.06 being ring fenced for junior football.

- 11. Assets and insurance** – The Assets register provided by Michael had previously been circulated. The clerk to ascertain if the insurance would cover this. **Action: KG.**
- 12. Any other business**
- 12.1 **Litter bins** – It was agreed to cost up two litter bins (metal cages with lids). **Action: KG.**
- 12.2 **Defibrillator** – A discussion took place regarding the need for providing a defibrillator for the sports teams. The clerk commented that it could be sited inside the outside toilets as the teams had access to these during matches. It was agreed to find out costs. **Action: KG.**
- 12.3 **Cricket fees** – A discussion took place regarding increasing cricket fees to account for the additional cost in maintaining the pitch. It was agreed to increase the fees for Wollaston and Wellingborough Old Grammarians to £85 per match from £80 for next season. It was agreed to increase the fee from £90 to £100 for a weekend match with a reduction to £90 per game if six games or more were booked.
- 12.3 **Sight screens** – It was noted that the wheels needed replacing on the sight screens that were owned by Wollaston. Andy to speak to David Ward. **Action: AL.**
- 12.4 **Village cricket match** – Simon asked about the possibility of a village cricket match on a Sunday afternoon and whether there would be a fee. It was agreed to waive the fee. The clerk to look at possible dates and advise SH and to check insurance. **Action: KG.**
- 13. Date of next meeting**  
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm