

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on
Monday 25th April 2022 at 6.45pm**

Present: Richard Logsdail – Chairman
Michael Bath
Norman Gillam
Simon Harris
Andy Letts
Dennis Letts
Fred Markland (Parish Council Representative)

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for absence – There were no Apologies for absence.

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

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 24th January 2022** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Football** - Update on pitch maintenance – It was noted that the gates to the car park had been left open on a recent occasion. It was also noted that metal pegs were also being left on the pitch which could cause an issue with mowing. The clerk to notify the teams of this. **Action: KG.** Lakers had confirmed that a player in the team wished to continue playing at Emberton under a different team name and discussions would be held going forward. Andy to speak to the teams regarding removing the goal posts as it was coming to the end of the season. **Action: AL.** There were also two goal posts in the hedge and a pitch which could be used by an U15's team although Olney were not aware of this. Maintenance would start on the football pitches on the 14th May for 8 weeks.
3. **Cricket**
 - 3.1 Square maintenance – Andy reported that the square had not been watered and that it was dry for this time of year.
 - 3.2 Cricket fixtures – Clifton Reynes have been informed that they are able to use the square on Thursday evenings. Andy stated that Nissan had also asked if they could use the square on Friday evenings but the dates had yet to be confirmed.
4. **Tennis** – It was noted that the court had been jet washed. The wind had blown down the netting along the fence and this needed tying up. The path had been sprayed but might need jet washing off. Richard commented that if the court was not being used that it could be used for other sports. Fred asked whether it was worth reaching out to the village to see how the court could be better utilised.
Action: KG

5. **ESSC update** – Norman asked if the two committees would amalgamate. Richard stated that there was an advisory to join the two committees and he would take this back to the ESSC. **Action: RL.**
6. **Changing rooms/showers** – Andy reported that a willing plumber or builder was sought who would take on this project. It was noted that the changing rooms and showers could not be made FA compliant. Simon to source the name of builders and plumbers. **Action: SH.**
7. **Field maintenance** – Michael reported that the mower had been fully serviced and parts replaced where needed. Andy reported that he had been notified that the bonfire issue had been resolved but had been asked to keep an eye on it. The field would shortly be sprayed and notices put out but the sprayer was not working at the moment.
8. **Resident parking scheme** – No update from the parish council. Richard commented that there was an option to extend the car park if it was really busy. **Post meeting note:** The clerk received a telephone call on the 9th May from the resident named in Clause 10 of the Minutes of the 24th January and stated that they had not been approached by the committee regarding the extension of the car park and would expect any approach to be made in writing.
9. **Footpath behind pavilion – damaged oak tree** – Michael reported that the oak tree was now wedged by another tree and was dangerous. The clerk to report this again to MKC. **Action: KG.**
10. **Defibrillator** – The clerk reported that there had not been any response from MK Stallions regarding the supply of a defibrillator. It was therefore agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
11. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** – The clerk reported that there was currently £4459.47 in the Sports & Recreation account with £659.06 being ring fenced for junior football.
12. **Assets and insurance** – It was agreed to look at all the assets and their replacement value. **Action: AL.**
13. **Any other business**
 - 13.1 Inserts for bins – Dennis commented that the steel liners of the two blue bins needed replacing. The clerk to obtain an estimate. **Action: KG**
 - 13.2 Resignation of Chairman – Richard commented that due to other commitments, he was no longer able to continue on the committee.
14. **Date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm