



# Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

## Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion

**Present:** Cllr Mrs L Stevens-Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Cumming, Cllr J Lewis, Mrs T Allen, Mr A Russell, Mr M Budgen, Mr C Radcliff and Mrs C Goossens (Clerk)

- 1 **Public session.** None.
- 2 **Apologies for absence.** Mr G Prince, Mr N Beesley, Mr D Barnard and Mr C Sherwood.
- 3 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** The minutes as previously circulated were **Agreed** as a true and accurate record. It was noted that all "Action points" have been completed. Adoption was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Lewis, and **Agreed** unanimously.
- 5 **Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.** None.
- 6 **Financial reports update.** The Clerk reported that there is currently £2243.19 in the account.

### 6.1 **To consider and Agree Fees/Subs increase for 2022/23.**

The following points were noted in discussion:

- There has been no increase in subs/fees for nearly 3 years, in part due to COVID.
- It would be sensible for the Dynamo's to have a flat fee rather than the current complicated charging structure. Whilst the fees for the juniors have historically been at a lower level than the other clubs, to encourage youth into the club, this is no longer necessary as the club is thriving.
- MCC starts matches at 1pm but are often at the facility until 8/9pm. In the event of there being evening hire of the facility, MCC to be forewarned. There are only approximately 8 or 9 home matches a year.
- The Football Seniors train at Framfield on a Tuesday evening as MRG is used by the Dynamos that evening.
- Stoolball use the facility during their season between 6.15pm and 8.15pm.
- Cllr Lewis stated that he felt clubs should be charged the minimum to use the facility.
- The Recreation Ground is not currently self-funding and is financially reliant on the Trustee.
- If clubs are struggling financially, they are encouraged to communicate this via the committee.

After discussion the Chair proposed the following:

**Subs remain at £198 per annum for all Clubs.**

**Dynamos to pay £35 per use of the facility for either training session or match.**

**Football Seniors to pay £48 per use of the facility for either training session or match.**

**Cricket to pay £50 per match.**

**Stoolball to pay £30 per match.**

This was seconded by Cllr Lewis and **Agreed** unanimously.

### 6.2 **Fund raising events.**

The following points were noted in discussion:

- The Dynamos recent fundraiser was an enormous success.
  - It would be fun and great to raise funds by having a "Sports Day" when all clubs are in attendance.
  - It was **Agreed** that the second weekend in May would be a good time for such an event.
- ACTION:** Clerk to add to MRG Bookings diary.
- ACTION:** Clerk to investigate Wealden Community Grants and eligibility of MRGC.

### 6.3 **To consider and Agree charging structure and hirers agreement terms for Maresfield Recreation Ground and Maresfield Pavilion.**

The following points were noted in discussion:

- Cllr Lewis is aware of a dance class for pre-school children which may be interested in hiring the pavilion.



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- It is essential that a charging structure is put in place in line with other local venues for example Maresfield and Fairwarp Village Halls.
  - Fundraising events to be charged a concessionary fee depending on requirements.
- After discussion the Chair proposed the following charging structure:  
**£20 per morning / afternoon session (3 hours) use of main pavilion room and toilets.**  
**£10 per additional hour.**  
**£5 additional charge for use of kitchen per morning / afternoon session (3 hours).**  
**£50 for use of the Recreation Ground per morning / afternoon session (not exclusive use).**

This was seconded by Cllr Lewis and **Agreed** unanimously.

**ACTION:** Clerk to draw up "User/Hirer Agreement".

### 7 Pavilion matters.

The sad passing of Mr John Mason was reported. John dedicated many years working tirelessly for the benefit and support of the Recreation Ground and its facilities.

The Chair proposed a recommendation be made to the Trustee that the Pavilion be renamed "The John Mason Memorial Pavilion". This was seconded by Mr Budgen and **Agreed** unanimously. **ACTION:** Clerk.

#### 7.1 Bar / Kitchen matters.

- The Dynamos to arrange installation of extractor fan ASAP at their own expense and installation of appropriate splash back in kitchen. **ACTION:** Mr Budgen.
- The fridge needs to be removed from the "bar cupboard" as it is a potential Fire Hazard particularly due to lack of ventilation in the confined space. It was **Agreed** to communicate this to MCC and that as soon as the meeting was over the appliance would be turned off. **ACTION:** Clerk.
- The "bar cupboard" is a shared facility. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask MCC to clear their stock to enable Football Seniors to fill with their own stock for the season.
- Both MCC and the Senior Football have a bar license. **ACTION:** C Sherwood to provide copy of license for Clerk. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask MCC to remove remaining items from Changing Room 4.
- The possibility of a coffee shop franchise a couple of days a week around school drop off and collection was discussed. The franchisee would need to be responsible for cleaning of facility including toilets after use. A license from WDC may be required. The Trustee would need to be approached to consider such a proposal to tender for a franchisee.

#### 7.2 Drainage of path and patio.

**ACTION:** Clerk to obtain three quotes for renewed paving and patio around Pavilion.

**7.3 Painting of changing rooms.** It was proposed that each club is responsible for painting in emulsion one of each of the changing rooms. It was **Agreed** that this should be postponed until the Spring.

### 8 Clubs Reports:

#### 8.2 Football Seniors.

- No games won yet.
- Enough players this season for two teams.
- Chris Sherwood is making a conscious effort to get players/spectators to the bar. There were 20 ex-players last weekend in attendance.

#### 8.3 Dynamos Juniors.

- 164 children are currently registered with 25 on the waiting list
- Currently train from under 5s to under 15s.
- Next year there will also be an under 16s and this will be the first year with all age groups.
- The season has started well with 2 or 3 teams currently top of the league.
- There has been an increase in the number of qualified coaches.

**8.4 Cricket.** None.

#### 8.5 Stoolball.

- The season has finished with a few games played although 2 or 3 games were cancelled part way through due to bad weather.



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- One or two key players have left the club.
- 3 or 4 new people came to practice but unfortunately, they never got a chance to play a game.

## 8.6 Bowls.

- Games have finished for the year.
- Work is currently being carried out on the green.
- The club reiterates its gratitude for the new fence funded by the Parish Council.
- Forthcoming events include a Harvest Festival this coming weekend and the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> October.
- The club is hoping to replace the rotten wooden machinery shed with a metal version. Replacement will be like for like in terms of size and location and it was noted that the shed cannot be seen from the Bowls Club gates.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to send invoice for Annual Subs.

## 9 Ground matters.

The Clerk reported as follows:

- Quotes are currently being obtained for an annual programme of grass cutting, scarifying, rolling and overseeding. **ACTION:** Clerk to confirm whether this is “drill” seeding.
- It was noted that it is only the goal mouths that need seeing.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to chase Barcombe for a grass cut.
- **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to ask Forest Row Maintenance team to cut back behind iron boundary fence.

**10 Play area matters.** The blue inclusive swing has had to be removed due to repeated vandalism. To be replaced with a flat swing. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk.

**11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.08.*