



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion

Present: Cllr Mrs Laura Stevens-Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs Sheila Cumming (Vice-Chair), Mrs Tracey Allen, Cllr Rob Hunter, Mr Russell Horscroft, Mr Graham Prince, Mr Chris Radcliffe, Mr Alan Russell, Cllr Peter Taylor, and Mrs Nancy O'Hanlon (Clerk)

- 1 **Public session** – None.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – None.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** – None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2022.** The Minutes as circulated were **adopted**.
- 5 **Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda.** It was noted that posters reminding dog walkers to pick up after their dogs had been put up on trees along the perimeter of the recreation ground, adjacent to the parking area.
- 6 **Financial reports update.** The Clerk relayed the current balance and noted that the energy bill for the pavilion was quite high as the heaters and dehumidifiers had been on to help dry things out after the flooding incident, some of this will be recouped from the insurance company.
- 7 **To note approval of full financial statements.** The satisfactory financial statement was noted.
- 8 **To discuss and agree annual subscriptions and match fees effective from 1st April 2023.** The revised annual subscriptions and fees, as circulated, were agreed in principal subject to approval by each club committee.
- 9 **Booking calendar - date of end of Football season/start of Cricket and Stoolball.**
It was confirmed that the following season start end dates will apply:
Dynamos: Last match 14-05-23 Start again on 02-09-23
Senior Football: Last match 04-03-23
Veterans Football: Last match 02-04-23
Buxted Cricket Club: Start on 06-05-23 Last match 02-09-23
Stoolball: Will play May – August.
- 10 **Coronation Picnic on 7th May 2023.** The plan is to have a picnic on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th May 2023. It would be nice if all clubs could have a presence and involve the attending public with informal play ie stoolball and cricket mini goal nets etc. It is hoped to have other local groups attend such as MCG.
- 11 **Pavilion matters**
 - 11.1 **Signing of departure sheet.** A reminder was given to sign departure sheets and to report to the Parish office anything that is amiss.
 - 11.2 **Painting of changing rooms.** It was reported that all 4 changing rooms have had their walls, ceilings and woodwork painted and the only thing remaining now is the floors to be repainted once the insurance company gives the go-ahead.
 - 11.3 **Approve cost of purchase and installation a new water heater.** Not all information was gathered to enable a decision to be made, it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting and in the meantime send the information we have to Russell Horscroft so that he can make enquiries with a plumber that is a Dynamo parent, as to the most appropriate one for our requirements.
 - 11.4 **Approve cost of purchase and installation of a replacement defibrillator.** Various quotations were received and were all around the same price point. It was agreed unanimously to recommend to Council the purchase of the Welmed fully automatic defibrillator and case for the cost of £1250.00 + Vat
- 12 **Clubs Reports:**
 - 12.1 **Football Seniors.** Chris Radcliffe reported that the Seniors have had a satisfactory season finishing in a mid table position. They have not struggled for players and may have a new Manager starting. Chris has been approached by the family of Terry Gee who used to run the Recreation Ground with John Mason, they would appreciate a memorial plaque of



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some kind to commemorate his contribution. It was agreed that this would be fitting and consideration will be given to what would be appropriate.

- 12.2 Dynamos Juniors.** Russell Horscroft reported that they now have a team in every age group. They have about 220 children registered and so training is now staggered. Their first girls team is now up and running and are showing improvement. Many of the teams are enjoying significant success and it is pleasing that many of the players are from Maresfield.
- 12.3 Cricket.** Rob Hunter reported that this will be the first season for Buxted 3rd and 4th teams playing at MRG. Some Maresfield players will be playing for Buxted. Buxted teams will be playing league matches every Saturday and it is hoped that Maresfield CC will play on some Sundays. Maintenance of the cricket square is on going. The Formal Agreement paperwork needs to be sorted out before Buxted start playing in May.
- 12.4 Stoolball.** Tracey Allen reported that there is currently no news as their season doesn't start until May. Tracey enquired if there is any information regarding new storage but currently there is no update. The other club representatives suggested that if they all had a clear out of unwanted equipment from their storage facilities they may well be able to create some room for the stoolball equipment. They are going to try and arrange a day where they can all get together, with a skip, and have a good tidy up and clear out.
- 12.5 Bowls.** Alan Russell reported that there had been a burst pipe which had brought down the ceiling in the disabled toilet in the bowls club house, this will subject to an insurance claim which the Clerk already has in hand.
- 13 Ground matters**
- 13.1 Pitch maintenance programme.** The Committee considered the various quotations that have been received, against the refurbishment/maintenance specification that was supplied to a number of companies. It was unanimously agreed to stay with the incumbent supplier, Barcombe Landscapes, and Cllr Rob Hunter agreed to manage the service going forward to ensure satisfactory and timely maintenance is provided.
- 13.2 Footpaths and base for new shed.** No more information on this currently.
- 14 Play area matters.** None.
- 15 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 30th May 2023.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.10.