



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

Minutes of the Extraordinary Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion

Present: Cllr Mrs Laura Stevens-Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs Sheila Cumming (Vice-Chair), Cllr Martin Craddock, Cllr Rob Hunter, Cllr Peter Taylor, Mrs Tracey Allen, Mr Chris Radcliffe, Mr Simon Clark, Mr Ben Taylor and Mrs Nancy O'Hanlon (Clerk)

- 1 **Public session** – None.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Graham Shaw, Cllr Mrs Peta Penfold, Mr Graham Prince, Mr Alan Russell, Mr Russell Horscroft, Mr Robert Smith.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** – None.
- 4 **Discuss and adopt Maresfield Recreation Ground Access and Parking Protocol.**

There was much discussion about the proposed MRG Access and Parking Protocol, the draft of which was circulated with the agenda. The main discussion points were as follows:

- The scheme would be hard to police.
- Why only allow clubs to use 10 parking spaces if more happen to be free.
- Why are residents of PFL allowed to use the Recreation Ground parking spaces.
- In general, it is the Dynamos that cause the traffic/parking issues because of the volume of members but all clubs should sign up to the Protocol for fairness.
- It is not just the parking that causes an issue for Dynamos but also parents dropping off and picking up children, causing extra traffic and congestion on PFL.
- The recreation ground is owned by MPC, PFL is privately owned but the Parish Council entered into an agreement for right of way to access to the recreation ground.
- The PC may have to consider bringing in measures to discourage non recreation ground users parking in the areas designated for users.
- It was suggested that the parking protocol should be amended to allow clubs to utilise up to 15 parking spaces.

Cllr Martin Craddock proposed that Access and Parking Protocol is amended to allow clubs a parking limit of 15 cars at the recreation ground and that the sports clubs each take the Protocol back to their committees and write to the Parish Council within 14 days to confirm their agreement with the Protocol. This was seconded by Cllr Peter Taylor and **Agreed** by the majority. The revised Access and Parking Protocol is set out below.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.15

New Access and Parking Protocol

Sports clubs using the recreation ground will be subject to limited vehicle access and parking. Parking will only be permitted in the car park on the left bordering School Hill and for a maximum of 15 vehicles on the edge of the recreation ground bordering Park Farm Lane. Vehicles dropping off for sports activities must not be permitted to enter Park Farm Lane.

It is anticipated that sports clubs will have to consider the extent of their activities on the recreation ground in order to conform to this Protocol and thus avoid creating a nuisance. This could include limits to membership, reducing usage and ensuring that visiting teams are aware of this parking Protocol and the need for compliance.

Sports Clubs must accept this Protocol and are responsible for enforcing it with immediate effect.