



# Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP



## Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Laura Stevens-Smith (Chair), Ms Tracy Allen, Mr Simon Clark, Mrs Tracie Coe, Cllr Mrs Sheila Cumming, Mr Chris Radcliffe, Cllr Mr Peter Taylor and Mrs Nancy O'Hanlon (Clerk)

- 1 **Public session.** Four members of the public attended. It was requested by one of the members of the public to be furnished with a copy of the plan, when available, of the proposed new parking provisions (agenda item 8.).
- 2 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr R Hunter.
- 3 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024.** The minutes as circulated were **Adopted**.
- 5 **Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda;**  
Cllr Cumming advised that unfortunately the village picnic was cancelled and therefore did not go ahead as forecast in the minutes.  
Chris Radcliffe confirmed that he had taken regular water temperature reading for the legionella testing programme and that he would continue to do this and would report his findings to the Clerk.
- 6 **Co-opt Tracie Coe onto the Committee on behalf of the Maresfield Conservation Group.**  
The Chair expressed the view of all the committee, that they are delighted to have someone from the MCG joining the MRGC and she proposed that Tracie Coe be co-opted onto the committee, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor and **Agreed** by all.
- 7 **Financial reports update.** The income and expenditure reports as circulated were noted and the Clerk advised that the bank balance was £4789 as at 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 with no out of the ordinary expenditure.
- 8 **Update from Peter Taylor on Recreation Ground future parking provision.** Cllr Taylor updated the committee with the news from WDC that due to the PC's permitted development rights, planning permission is not required for the future parking proposals although we are awaiting approval from Fields in Trust.  
He explained that the next step is to get a quote for the boundary between the MRG and Park Fam Lane to be marked out accurately and for detailed plans and specifications to be agreed so that quotes can be obtained for the works.
- 9 **Update on Dynamos Club House (Former Bowls Club).** Simon Clark updated the Committee on works carried out so far, the inside of the Club House has been painted and the grass area has started to be maintained, ragwort removed and grass mowed. The requirements flagged up in the recent fire risk assessment have been addressed. The Clerk will be notified in advance of any future works to be carried out.
- 10 **Tree Report and quotations.** The recent tree inspection report relating to trees around MRG was circulated with papers prior to the meeting together with 3 quotations. The contractor we have used most frequently in the past came in with a considerably higher quote than the other two. The Committee were unwilling to make a decision until this contractor had been contacted to ensure the price he quoted was not a typing error as usually he is so competitive and his work is of a very high standard. As the work to be done is judged to be only medium risk it was felt there was no immediate hurry to get the works done allowing time to double check the accuracy of the third quotation.
- 11 **Risk Assessment.** The updated risk assessment, as circulated with papers was noted with no amendments required.
- 12 **Pavilion matters:**
  1. **Fire Risk Assessment.** The Report on the recently carried out Pavilion fire risk assessment was noted, any recommendations will be actioned and a copy of the report will be kept on site.

2. **Pavilion Doors.** Some of the doors, particularly the ones on the south side of the Pavilion are delaminating and beyond repair. Quotes to be obtained for replacement doors with upvc and wooden options, ready for the next MRG meeting.
  3. **Shed Doors.** Stephen Bessant to assess the shed doors to ascertain if they are repairable or require replacement. If replacement is necessary quotes to be sought.
  4. **Automatic door closer device.** Details of this device were circulated with meeting papers. It was suggested by the fire risk assessor as the door to the main room in the pavilion is often left open in the winter to allow heat to circulate. This device would automatically close the door in the event of a fire. The cost would be £104.20. Cllr Stevens Smith proposed this is purchased, seconded by Cllr Cumming and **Agreed** by all.
  5. **Water heater update.** The Clerk advised that the under sink water heater is being installed on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.
  6. **Safety lights.** The Clerk advised that these had been checked by Stephen Bessant and not all of them are working, an electrician is needed to repair or replace as necessary. It was suggested that as an electrician will be attending the Pavilion to help install the water heater that he is asked to check out the lights at the same time, as this is a health and safety issue.  
**Action:** Clerk to contact the electrician to try and arrange this.
  7. **To note: Change of electricity supplier.** It was noted that the electricity provider was changed from Corona to EDF as a better priced fixed contract was obtained.
- 13 Clubs Reports:**
- 13.1 **Football Seniors.** Chris Radcliffe reported that sadly Colin Clark, a former very active member, had passed away. They are going to create a memorial plaque for him.  
The Veterans team has unfortunately folded, as have many other vet teams in the district, causing the veterans league in Mid Sussex to fold also.  
The Dynamos under 18 players have now moved up to the Seniors and make up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seniors team, together with their coach.  
The season will start on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
  - 13.2 **Dynamos Juniors.** Simon Clark reported they have 160 children registered this year with a long wait list as well.  
They are getting settled into their new Club House and are looking forward to the coming season with their own facilities.
  - 13.3 **Cricket.**
    - a) **Cricket nets.** Rob Hunter was not present but had communicated that he will find what is happening about replacing the cricket nets for which they received a grant from the PC.
    - b) **Cricket enclosure fencing update.** It was noted that the fencing repairs have been carried out.
  - 13.4 **Stoolball.** Tracy Allen reported that they have had a very good season with some really close games.  
They had a successful tournament this year, the first for several years with many other clubs attending.
14. **Play area matters.** It was reported that the broken seesaw has been repaired by the manufacturer.
15. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.19***