



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP



Draft Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the Maresfield Recreation Ground Pavilion

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

- 1 Public session.** Two members of the public attended.
- 2 Apologies for absence.** Mrs Tracie Coe.
- 3 Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th August 2024.** The minutes as circulated were **Adopted**.
- 5 Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda;** None.
- 6 Financial reports update.** It was noted that the MRG bank account has a balance of £3787 as at 26th November 2024. The only notable payments since the last meeting were £867 paid to Village Plumbers for the new under sink water heater in the pavilion and £240 to ATC Electrical Services for the EICR test at the Dynamo's Club House.
- 7 Update from Peter Taylor on the proposed new parking scheme.** Cllr Taylor advised that the local contractors he had approached for quotations for the proposed parking scheme had all failed to respond with a submission. Subsequently he had asked the manufacturer of the grass mats for recommendations and as a result had approached 3 new companies asking for quotations. These should be received in December.
- 8 Update on Dynamos Club House.** The Dynamo's Club House has had a lot of work carried out, as per the plans submitted to the Parish Council by the club. Photos of the works were circulated and it was agreed that the building looks fantastic now and the Committee were pleased to hear that the Club members are using the pavilion for gathering socially before and after games and practice sessions, making really good use of the building.

There are plans to make one of the toilets accessible from the outside so that members don't have to walk through the Club House to use the facilities. This currently single toilet cubicle is large and will be split to make it into two toilets. Plans for this will be submitted to the Parish Council for authorisation before commencement of works as it will alter the exterior fabric of the building.
- 9 Tree Report update.** It was reported that the Clerk and Clerical Assistant met with the Tree Warden from ESCC who has given additional advice about the trees needing maintenance work. He agreed that none of the work is urgent and suggested it should be carried out over the next three years. Some of the trees, along the road edge, need clarification on who owns them. The Tree Warden will find this out and advise us after which we can make a plan for the works needed.
- 10 Pavilion matters:**
 - 1. Pavilion Doors** – To be progressed for the next meeting
 - 2. Shed Doors** – To be progressed for the next meeting

3. **Safety lights** – All safety lights being replaced in the pavilion on Wednesday 4th December.

It was reported that the showers at the pavilion are due to be serviced, the one in changing room 3 has an intermittent drip. The plumber who has serviced them in the past will be chased up to carry out the work.

11 Clubs Reports:

11.1 Football Seniors.

The 2nd team, made up largely of the younger players, who are playing with the Seniors for the first season since moving up from Dynamo FC, are very keen but are not winning games yet although they are hopeful of a more successful season next year.

The Seniors 1st team has been very successful, with a good size pool of players to choose from and they are favourites to win the Sussex League.

The pitch has been holding up well.

11.2 Dynamos Juniors.

The Dynamo FC season has been going very well and the new Club House is being enjoyed with a lot of work having been carried out on it, much of the work being done by parents of the players.

11.3 Cricket. Nothing to report as out of season but a grant has been applied for from WDC which, if granted, would enable a hybrid wicket to be installed.

11.4 Stoolball. Nothing to report as out of season but some play is taking place indoors as Uckfield Leisure Centre to keep players ticking over.

12. **Play area matters.** None.

13. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 25th February 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.02