



Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP



Draft Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 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, Cllr Mr R Hunter, Mr Chris Radcliffe, Mr Robert Smith and Mrs Nancy O'Hanlon (Clerk)

- 1 **Public session.** None.
- 2 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Mr Peter Taylor, Graham Prince.
- 3 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November 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 £3644 as at 20th March 2025. The only notable payment since the last meeting was £388 to ATC Electrical Services for replacement of the pavilion emergency lights.
- 7 **Agree subs and fees for 2025/26.** After discussion it was proposed that the match fees remain the same for the forthcoming year but that Annual Subs are increased in line with inflation to £220 per annum for all clubs. This was **Agreed** unanimously.
- 8 **Review parking protocol.** The current protocol, which all clubs sign their agreement to annually, was reviewed and deemed to be sufficiently clear and fit for purpose.
- 9 **Signals request to sleep at the pavilion on 8th November 2025.** It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Signals should be offered the use of the Pavilion as sleeping quarters for the night of 8th November 2025 and use of the showers on the morning of the 9th November and that no charge would be made as the Signals have significantly helped around the village on numerous occasions.
The Dynamos JFC also kindly offered the use of their Club House for the night of the 8th November, if more room was needed.
- 10 **Risk Assessments.** The Risk assessments for the Pavilion and the Dynamo Club House, as circulated with meeting papers, were noted with no comments or amendments required.
- 11 **Anti-social behaviour.** The Clerk reported on the low level vandalism that had occurred recently at the Recreation Ground and the more frequent and worrying incidents of unwelcome visitors arriving by car and congregating in the evenings outside the pavilion. It was agreed at the recent Full Council meeting that a CCTV system would be procured and installed to try and deter this kind of anti-social behaviour.
- 12 **Grant opportunity.** It was reported that Wealden had been approached to see if a grant could be applied for under their Sports Infrastructure Grant Scheme, for the proposed new parking scheme. A response is awaited from Wealden.

13 Pavilion matters:

1. **Pavilion Doors:** It was noted at a previous meeting that two of the changing room doors were in need of being renewed. Prices had been obtained for different qualities of replacement door, the information circulated with meeting papers. It was proposed that the doors were replaced like for like at a cost of circa £100 each plus fitting, this was **Agreed** unanimously.
2. **Stoolball Shed Doors:** It was noted at a previous meeting that the Stoolball shed door is in need of being renewed. Prices had been obtained from different suppliers but the costs are all very similar, the information was circulated with meeting papers. It was proposed that the door is replaced like for like at a cost of circa £100 plus fitting, this was **Agreed** unanimously.
3. **Exterior movement sensor lights:** The 4 solar lights have been stolen/vandalised and replacements bought however it is not deemed sensible to install the new ones until the CCTV system is in place.
4. **Biffa bin:** Biffa are replacing the bin as the lock on the current one does not work and it is being used for unauthorised rubbish disposal. The new bin will have the usual lock and we are authorised by Biffa to add our own combination lock to further secure the bin if we so wish.

14 Clubs Reports:

14.1 Football Seniors: There are 5 games left to play this season. They are competing at Crowborough on Wednesday 26th March in the Cup Final and were wished luck for that game. They have had a good season and have a chance of being promoted depending on the results of the remaining matches.

14.2 Dynamos Juniors: They will be doing some more club house/pitch maintenance with the better weather. The percentage of club members who live in Maresfield has increased greatly.

14.3 Cricket: They are still awaiting news on the grant applied for to enable a hybrid pitch to be laid for the cricket square. In the meantime they have been working on the cricket square and it is in good condition for the forthcoming season.

14.4 Stoolball: It is out of season at the moment so no news but it is the AGM next Tuesday when dates for the new season will be agreed.

15. **Play area matters.** There are weeds coming through the matting, the maintenance team will be asked to deal with these before they become established.

16. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 20th May 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.36