

BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM SPORTS CLUB

Minutes of a Meeting held at The Bedfield Sports Pavilion on Monday 24th February 2020 commencing 2000

(These discussions followed on from an earlier session to plan the 2020 village fete, which will be separately summarised by Graham Mobbs. The date of the 2020 fete will be Saturday 11th July.)

Present: Graham Mobbs (GM - Chairman), Keith Frost (KF – Vice Chairman), Geoff Robinson (GR - Secretary), Andrew Manning (ANM - Treasurer), Gillian Edmunds (GE), David Whitham (DW), Nigel Billington (NB), Kevin Lander (KL), Alison Manning (ALM), David Entwisle (DE – Tennis Club), Vince Prank (VP), and Steve Scorton (SS)

1. Apologies for Absence

Gay Clarke.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (23rd September 2019)

These had been previously circulated and were signed as correct by GM.

3. Treasurers Report

ANM had now managed to register with HSBC for electronic banking, but this had not been easy! However, it had greatly assisted in his role as Treasurer.

He asked if anyone knew a volunteer who could act as Club auditor as we had been charged £20 for the year to 2019. SS to make enquiries.

4. Bottle Bank Update

GR stated that the bottle bank had already proved to be an important community asset and was regularly emptied. Latest income so far for the period August 2019 to January 2020 was £91.00.

5. Dog Walking on the Sports Field

GR stated that there had been an incident when boisterous dogs had resulted in an elderly gentleman falling over and explained the circumstances. He also explained how the matter at been fully debated at a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 12th February, when several members of the public had been present and stated their views. The Parish Council, after a debate, decided to take no further action other than to reiterate once again that dogs on the field were the total responsibility of their owners and must be under strict control at all times. It had then passed the matter for further consideration of the Sports Club, as day to day managers of the sports field.

After a full discussion, the meeting endorsed the Parish Council's recommendation to maintain the status quo and reiterated that all dog users must be reminded of the responsibilities. GR to place an article in the parish magazine.

Dog fouling also continues to be a problem but it is felt that it not excessive. NB to resurrect notices he has from previous incidents for display at locations around the sports field.

6. Proposed New Play Area

ALM and GR updated the meeting on the current situation regarding the proposed new play area and provided an update on funding issues. The National Lottery had turned down our initial application for £10,000 but after a telephone conversation with them, a new bid had been submitted, the result of which was still awaited. We had also applied to The Adnams Trust for £1,800.00 and had been given £500.00, which although disappointing, has been gratefully received.

Other planned funding for the project consists of £1,500 from Councillor Matthew Hicks, £2,000 from the Sports Club, £3,500.0 CIL payments & funds from The Parish Council, circa £10,600 from MSDC Communities Fund, circa £2,600 from the MSDC Central CIL Fund and £1,000 from the Bedfield Town Estate.

7. Tennis Club

DE stated that it may be more cost effective to replace the current tennis court with a new one elsewhere on the field. However, this has been costed at £43,000.00 although he felt that there was probably room to move on this figure.

8. Spring Fair 2020

It had been agreed that the Sports Club would be in partnership with other fundraisers in running the Spring Fair, which was to be on 18th April 2020. ALM stated that the Sports Club contribution would be “toy” and children themed. Various options for our input were considered on this theme including pizza making and face painting, as well as making soft puppets etc. It was also thought that “story-telling” would be excellent, if a suitable person can be identified. SS offered to research all these. Organised games could also be considered and possibly a games tent. It was acknowledged that a site layout must be agreed for the event and that the committee members with knowledge of the marques would put them up/dismantle them. Teas and refreshments would be provided at the event and all the Sports Club share of the income would go towards the new play area.

9. Pavilion Maintenance

GR stated that he had pressure washed the shed and most of the pavilion and that it had much improved its appearance and he would do it again soon. KF to recoat the shed and NB & KL to paint the pavilion as required when the weather improves.

10. Safeguarding Policy

GR had circulated the proposed Safeguarding Policy as had been agreed with the Parish Council and MSDC. ALM & GR explained that it was a requirement to obtain MSDC grants and had been the subject of considerable discussion with them. In addition, it needed to be in place for the current play area and some Sports Club activities. It was also explained that the Policy included the Sports Club under the umbrella of the Parish Council. After a very constructive debate, GR was tasked with slightly amending the wording of the Safeguarding Statement to more clearly differentiate between private use of the facilities and those organised by the Sports Club. It was agreed that it would be sufficient for ALM and GR to be DBS checked.

11. Miscellaneous

Councillor Mathew Hicks had generously granted us £1,400 towards the purchase of new marques & gazebos, for which we were extremely grateful. They had now been procured and delivered. GR

was tasked to check the insurance position of equipment like the gazebos when on hire off the sports field and the liability of the Sports Club when they are erected by sports club committee members.

The provision of CCTV for the security of the pavilion area, the new play area and the field in general was debated. Two options seem to be appropriate, one build the use of Wi-Fi and the other using recording equipment. SS agreed to research and cost the options.

Suzie Carr on behalf of The Church had explained at the recent parish council meeting about the real possibility of it closing due to severe funding problems. Suzie had explained that fund raising events were planned and requested that the rent could be waived for using the pavilion. After a brief debate, this was agreed. GR to inform Celia Davies.

VP asked that for clarity in an emergency if the other signs next to the defibrillator could be moved to the other end of the pavilion walls. This was agreed and KL to arrange.

12. Date of the Next Meeting

The next fete meeting will be Monday 23rd March 2020, followed by other meetings as necessary. The AGM will be held in June 2020.

The meeting ended at 2140.

Signed:

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