

P R E S E N T

Parish Councillors: S Peirson (in the Chair), P Arandle, R Howe, P Langley, J Powell and E Sutcliffe

Clerk to the Council: L Spruce-Wan

Also in Attendance: Mr P Wardale

11/23/72 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received Cllr Baker and Dickinson.

11/23/73 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were received.

Standing Orders Suspended

11/23/74 **SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chair advised that the meeting had been requested due to current ill health and the reduced number of meetings. Councillors praised Cllr Baker and Mr Wardale for their continued effort over the past years. Mr Wardale reported that the lack of interest from other members of the committee had been a factor in the reduced number of meetings. He provided Councillors with a background of the committee members but explained that they were elected as representatives of their sport and they were only interested in their area.

Mr Wardale explained that all responsibilities were currently managed by Cllr Baker and himself and provided a detailed list for Councillors. The Chair stressed the need for the Parish Council to provide more support to both. Mr Wardale expressed that the committee needed members who wanted to take part and not feel obliged to due to the club's access of the facilities. He also commented that a secretary or administrative support would be a great benefit. Cllr Powell offered to help the committee with administrative tasks.

Councillors discussed the need to broaden the remit of those on the committee and to encourage more local members, not just sport related. Councillors discussed other parishioners who may have an interest in, for example, the nature trail or the dog walking field.

RESOLVE: a) that the Parish Council write directly to the various clubs to request a greater input into the committee;
 b) that a Sportsfield Management Committee meeting be scheduled.

11/23/75 **SPORTSFIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Councillors had been provided with the current Terms of Reference. The wording of the Membership was discussed as it currently required all members to be a resident of the Parish. It was suggested that that be changed to ensure that only the Chair, Secretary and the Treasurer were residents of the village.

The meeting frequency and quorum was highlighted and noted that the frequency should be reduced and the quorum may reduce to three.

It was suggested that any possible changes be discussed at the next committee and then reviewed by the Parish Council at a later meeting.

11/23/76 **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Mr Wardale advised that the Terms of Reference currently stated no less than four meetings per year but requested that the frequency be changed to two to three per year. It was agreed that following a scheduled meeting of the Sportsfield Management Committee a reduction to the number of meetings could be dealt with as part of any changes to the Terms of Reference.

11/23/77 **WEBSITE MANAGEMENT**

It was noted that the current website was not live. Councillors discussed whether a separate website was still needed as it could be linked to the Parish Council website and it was proposed that the bookings for the MUGA could be linked to the Club Spark system used to book the floodlights. Cllr Sutcliffe agreed to investigate the current issue with the website.

Standing Orders Reinstated

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Chair's Signature – 9 January 2024