



# PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

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**Minutes of the Playing Field Committee held at the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 19:30.**

**Present: Cllr N Beaumont (Cllr NB), Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr N Satchell (Cllr NS), Simon Ward (SW rep Junior Football), Jo Taylor (rep Stoolball), Tina Lambert (TL rep Honeybees), David Wearn (DW rep Archery).**

**Also present: Anita Emery (Clerk & RFO).**

**Absent: Kelvin Speirs (KS rep Cricket Club)**

**MOP's: 0**

**It was agreed that Cllr Nick Beaumont would chair the meeting.**

## **The AGENDA is as follows:**

1. To accept apologies for absence
  - Apologies received from Kelvin Speirs (Cricket Club)
2. Declarations of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
  - None
3. To Approve Minutes from Parish Council Playing Field Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
  - Unanimously approved.
4. Matters arising and reporting from previous meeting.
  - Flailed mowed area cost would be around £10k and would take several years to be playable.
5. User Reports:
  - a. Cricket
    - SW - Not happy about level of cuts. Not cutting it well – too quick. (6 cuts out of 14 due to weather according to a cricket club member). Clerk asked if SW and KS had discussed the number of ideal cuts needed? SW advised still to discuss. Clerk cannot action until received and will then put on the full council agenda and liaise with contractors, one months notice is needed to be given to current contractor. SW advised that ideal cutting day would be a Wednesday and if they cant cut due to weather conditions would they be able to return the same week to cut?



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b. Stoolball – Joe – worse season due to weather. 5 games running had been cancelled due to the weather. Lost one or two better players – got keen players.

c. Junior Football

SW – Continue to lose game time due to water logging – issue with grass length – effected games and training. Issue addressed with full council. Finished season with mid-week games. Best season for junior club history. Every age group won something. One of their ex players made his debut for Wolves. Post season summer break looking forward to getting back in Aug. Said goodbye to under 18's. Still looking for 3G pitch site.

Drainage – Clerk advised waiting on Bourne to respond – P Beeden has had an operation and enquired with Barcombe. Still waiting for a response.

d. Honeybees

- Finish on 19<sup>th</sup> July – come back in Sept fully subscribed. Taking babies from 18 months in September – 3 little ones from local families. Gov incentive. All children from Plumpton or Plumpton Green. New Chair is Kelvin Speirs. Excited about new build met architect today re internal layout.
- In Sept having a therapy dog – trailing through to October half term. Breeder specialised in therapy dogs.
- Taking on another member of staff up to 13 staff of whom 4 are fully time, rest are 22-25 hours per week.

e. Archery

- Hedge planted 2.5 months ago by the container – coming along ok. Grass cutting schedule (Thurs afternoon/evening they are shooting – Clerk to note). Still doing have a go sessions. Membership good – had other clubs visit. Having national champion U12 – second highest score ever.

f. Senior Football

- SW - Started pre-season training – more players needed. Junior trying to build a relationship with the seniors so affiliated together which would be helpful.

6. Maintenance

- Grass and drainage. Hedge cutting will be done after HB finish as need access.

7. Update on new pavilion project

- Cllr NB reported 29<sup>th</sup> July – have a meeting to look at single storey design. Working group agreed single storey would be less costly – for extra cost wont be gaining extra space. Cllr JB measured existing bar area and HB area. HB will get double the area to what they currently have and the bar area is similar size to what is currently there. At the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> working group to agree a



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design for recommendation to the users and residents at the public consultations on 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August at the pavilion. Commissioned topography, civils for drainage survey and will need a transport survey if more car park is required.

8. Items to be reported by Parish Councillors and Members and/or to be included in future meetings

- Email from tennis club user who bumped into the planters – email just come in and PPC to investigate.
- Cllr NS has purchased some plants for the far planter.
- SW advised a Coffee van on a Saturday morning during football season will be situated at the playing field car park – duly noted.

Meeting Closed: 20.11

### **Date of next meetings:**

No meetings are held in August

10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Finance Committee – 19:00 followed by full council at 19:45

1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – PF Committee – 19:30 Pavilion

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk 22/07/2024