

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road, Hanham on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT:

Members: Tim Jones (Warwick FC), Scott Jones (Warwick FC), Brad Milburn-Anderson (Prestige Grounds)
Officers: Mrs C Dolman – Clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Hicks & R Boissevain

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

3 STORAGE FOR TEAMS IN PAVILION

Tim Jones circulated details of a metal mesh cage on wheels which would be ideal for teams to store their individual equipment. Each cage costs £395 and the Clerk reported that the parish council had indicated that it would consider paying half, depending on the cost. **Recommended** that the parish council agrees to pay £197.50 towards each cage, for teams who wish to pay the other half. Warwick FC would be happy to pay half, but this would not be until end of current season/start of next season.

4 ISSUES WITH PITCH / PAVILION

Tim Jones reported that one of the large metal hoops that hold down the back bars on the goals was found near the path that crosses the common when they played on Sunday. Also, one half of one of the back bars was missing and could not be located. They managed to play, but this is not safe as the back bars are designed to prevent the goalmouth from toppling over. The Clerk advised she would order a replacement from MH Goals as a matter of urgency in time for next weekend's games. The Clerk will also contact Lodekka, who were the last team to play at Hanham Common to remind them to ensure all equipment is put back into the pavilion after every game.

The Clerk mentioned the 'dip' at the top corner of the pitch near the play area, as Greg Hammick of Old Georgians had raised this on several occasions and had requested that consideration be given to flattening out this area. Bradley Milburn-Anderson reported that it is not simply a case of adding more soil and rolling it out flat; it would require a substantial area of the common to be dug mechanically with topsoil being added and then seeded, fertilised and kept fenced off during the off season which is not ideal on a public open space. A lot would also depend on what the ground is like beneath the surface which could require additional work. Tim Jones and Scott Jones stated that they had played on Hanham Common for over 30 years and have never found this an issue.

There is a large rut towards the opposite corner of the pitch, that was caused by a funfair lorry getting stuck whilst exiting the common last summer, during a week of torrential rain. Although Brad has worked on this corner to even it out, the rut keeps coming back. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of the parish council.

5 PLANS FOR NEW PAVILION

The Clerk reported that she has had a lengthy discussion with a barrister who specialises in applications to deregister sections of Registered Village Green and he was positive that he could proceed with deregistering the area of land we need to build the new pavilion. The parish council has agreed to retain this barrister and the Clerk is currently in the process of providing the paperwork needed to get the ball rolling with the application to deregister.

Next meeting: 10th March 2020

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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Chairman