

SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road, Hanham on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT:

Members: HAPC Councillors N Gainard, & S Hicks
Scott Jones & Tim Jones (Warwick FC)
Officers: Mrs C Dolman – Clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Bray, Mike Jenkins (AFC Lodekka), Paul Burgess (HAPC Warden) & Brad Milburn-Anderson (Prestige Grounds).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 UPDATE ON NEW GOALPOSTS

TJ and SJ from Warwick reported that the new goalposts were used on Sunday and that they encountered no significant problems. They suggested the following:-

- more net clips be ordered as they do have a tendency to go missing.
- a rubber mallet would be useful, to drive in the back bar anchor
- a shorter back-bar anchor would be better, as the ones that came with the new goalposts are very long and as the sub-surface of Hanham Common is very stony, they are impossible to drive in to their fullest extent.

Recommended that the Clerk orders more net clips, purchases a rubber mallet and, if available, shorter back-bar anchors be ordered from MH Goals.

4 ISSUES WITH PAVILION/GROUNDS

TJ and SJ reported that there was plenty of hot water after the match on Sunday, but as the mains temperature drops during the winter months, this is likely to change. SJ advised that he can source a larger 300 litre hot water tank for cost price and will report back to the Clerk with prices.

Nets/Storage. The Clerk advised that the large storage box in the lobby of the pavilion is currently full of nets. This box was purchased for the warden to store equipment in and the nets need to be stored elsewhere. We now seem to have a surplus of nets which were left by AEK BOCO, who do not want them back. Warwick FC bring their own nets and store them off site, AFC Lodekka will be using the new nets which need to be stored in the pavilion. The Clerk will check with Old Georgians as to their net situation and arrange for old nets to be disposed of (Freecycle?) to free up storage space.

Parking. It was reported to the Clerk that around 10 cars were parked on the Common during a recent football match. Cllr S Hicks reminded those present that a maximum of 3 cars should be allowed to park on the hardstanding outside the pavilion on match days and that the gate should then be closed to prevent further vehicles entering.

Electricity. The Clerk reported that Old Georgians had recently repainted the interior of the pavilion and installed an extension lead so that there is electricity available in the home changing room. There is currently a problem with the electricity tripping out and the Clerk has arranged for an electrician to visit to carry out an electrical safety inspection, which should take place before the end of September. This is something that should be carried out as a matter of course, to ensure the safety of hirers of the building.

The Clerk advised that all portable electrical devices such as fan heaters should be PAT tested before being used in the pavilion.

Arrangements for cancelled matches due to inclement weather. Cllr S Hicks advised that we need to have measures in place in case matches need to be called off. SJ & TJ from Warwick confirmed that they are happy to take responsibility for calling off matches if the ground is too wet etc. The Clerk will check with AFC Lodekka and Old Georgians as to whether they too are happy to take responsibility for this. Cllrs S Hicks and N Gainard advised that they would be happy to inspect the ground if teams are unsure of ground conditions.

Cllr S Hicks recorded his thanks to Brad of Prestige Grounds for his work on getting the pitch up together for the new football season. TJ remarked that in all the years he has played on Hanham Common, the pitch has never looked so good.

Next meeting: 11th December.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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Chairman