

**PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**  
**Minutes of a Meeting on Monday, 2nd**  
**March 2020, at 7.30pm at the Club House**

**Present:** S Smith – Chairman  
R Manders  
S Maple  
D Saunders  
A Scott  
O Goldsmith

**ACTION**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>None. SS welcomed Olivia Goldsmith to the committee. She is taking over from Jackie Cumberland who had to resign recently.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The committee expressed their disappointment that Jill Rogers, Chairman of the Parish Council, had not attended the meeting since the whole purpose was to discuss the Parish Council's attitude to the Club.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> - SS handed round the accounts which showed a profit of £4,400 but this is subject to depreciation. He said we have had a difficult year mainly because of the wet weather and the Friday nights were not so well supported. The Bonfire Night event made a loss due to the weather and the Boxing Day run did not attract as many people. Also the current position of the Parish Council over VAT has not helped either.</p> <p>AS asked about the VAT situation and SS explained that when we bought anything major we would ask for invoices to be addressed to the Parish Council as they are registered as not needing to pay VAT. The Parish Council would pay the invoice including VAT, then reclaim the VAT from HMRC. The net value of the invoice would then be taken from the Parish Council's PSSC Project Pot. This went on for several years but now the current Parish Council have decided not to continue with the arrangement, thus costing the Club a considerable amount of money.</p> <p><b>Bar and Bookings</b> – SS said that bookings are down on last year, again, the weather has not helped matters. Also there is more competition from the pubs and the village hall now it has a bar. We probably need to consider raising our profile more, possibly doing a brochure to promote what we have to offer.</p> <p>It may still be worth doing the Friday nights from 5.00 to 8.00 or so. OG felt it would work if it was monthly rather than weekly through the summer. She confirmed she would be happy to be involved with this. She also said that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are interested in using the Club since they have had a few problems with the school hall. SS said we have not charged the Youth Club much so the same rates would apply to them, on the proviso that the sessions are properly managed.</p> <p>In May/June time, OG asked if we could plant pear trees. SS said this would be a good idea and suggested the mound behind the tennis courts. It would be possible to plant a small orchard there with possibly a couple of benches for people to watch tennis matches.</p> <p>OG also said there is an anti-litter campaign planned with re-cycling points throughout the village and she is hoping to get funding for this. The committee felt this was a good idea and SS said the Parish Council, among others, may have a pot for this sort of thing.</p> <p>We need to start having a few specialist events down at the Club and Jackie had suggested doing an outside cinema event as she knew someone who has all the</p>	

	<p>equipment. OG said Jackie has passed over to her all her contacts.</p> <p>DS said re bookings the Tennis Club are having a function on 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>There is a Welcome to Pirton being planned so we cannot do that but SS suggested having an Open Day so we can make the people in the two new estates aware of what the Club can provide. SM said it would be an opportunity to show the village how far the Rec Dev Group's plans have got. Agreed to go ahead with this on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May and SS will put a few ideas on paper and send them out to the committee.</p> <p><b>Maintenance</b> - SS reported he has put down more shingle in the car park and put a new bulb in the store cupboard. SM said he has removed all the old football posts etc. SS has got an LED light for the corner of the shed and will install this when the weather improves.</p> <p>AS reported that the socket on the wall underneath the TV has a broken case. SS will repair this.</p> <p>The PIR needs moving to cover the steps outside the player's entrance.</p> <p>SM said that the timer for the MUGA only gives half an hour and the buzzer to warn players that time is almost up is not working which, obviously, causes problems. He asked if the tokens could go up to £2 for an hour and the timer changed accordingly. Agreed. SS will ask Mark, the electrician, to repair the buzzer.</p>	<p><b>SS</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Parish Council Matters</b>	
	None	
<b>6</b>	<b>Youth Club Matters</b>	
	None.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p>SS said that the football club was eligible for grant funding from the Football Foundation towards renovation of the pitches and a grant application has now been submitted by the football club, following a pitch inspection in November. If the grant application is approved work will start on the pitches in mid-May. SS has spoken to Bullards, who currently carry out the grass-cutting, and they will do the work for a reasonable price.</p> <p>AS commented that the pitches being re-seeded may well make the problem with rabbits even worse than at present. He said we need to ask the Parish Council, yet again, about a cull as they are ultimately responsible for the recreation ground. They in turn will need to contact the landowners around the recreation ground who are legally responsible for dealing with rabbits.</p> <p>There are several rabbit holes in the pitches and it would be helpful to know the current position re insurance if someone were to injure themselves because of this hazard. RM will write to the Parish Council again. AS said that the previous cull did make a difference.</p> <p>DS reported that the rubbish bin is falling apart and SS will contact NHDC to request another one.</p>	<p><b>RM</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Date of next meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020.	

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