

Minutes of a Meeting of Egerton Playing Fields Committee held in the Pavilion on 20th November 2019 following the Annual General Meeting

Present: J Elworthy (Chairman), Sarah Elworthy, Tim Oliver, Bill Smyth, Phil Missing, Malcolm Iles, Jeff Hopkins John Harper

Apologies: Craig Darnley, John Harrison,

Previous minutes: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 25/10/2017 were read, confirmed, and signed as a correct record. Proposed: Tim Oliver Seconded: Malcolm Iles

There were no matters arising other than those listed elsewhere on the Agenda.

Jonathan Elworthy vacated the Chair for the election of officers

Election of Officers: It was proposed by and seconded by that Mr Jonathan Elworthy be re-elected as Chairman. As there were no other nominations, he was re-elected unopposed. It was agreed that the current split of duties with Secretary (Sarah Elworthy) and Treasurer (Bill Smyth) was working well and should be maintained. Proposed: Jeff Hopkins Seconded: Bill Smyth

Jonathan Elworthy then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Matters arising: it was agreed to cover the items on last year's minutes as 'AOB'

Correspondence: none

Budget:

Income:

Lettings	£2000
Sports Clubs (including ECC water/insurance contributions)	£670
Parish Council Donation	£400
Hawks Nest Donation	£300
Total	£3370

Running costs:

Insurance	£860
Electricity	£500
Water	£500
Waste water	£150
Cleaning	£600
Fire Protection	£200
Subscriptions/adverts /etc	£150
Total	£2960

Pavilion Maintenance:

Contingency	£500
Total	£3460

The conclusion was that the income was on par with the outgoings and with a 'contingency' sum for repairs

AOB

Lettings: Reasonable to expect similar income. Vote of thanks to Bill for managing the bookings and agreed unanimously

100 Club: No future income but sufficient monies in for future repairs and renewals. It was suggested that the 100 Club monies should be transferred in to the Business Reserve Account.

Running Costs: Static

Pavilion Maintenance: External wood treatment, some odd roof tiles to be replaced. Bill to speak to Roger Harper re roof tiles. Bill to organise carpet cleaning. The Away Changing room flooring needs some repair, Bill to organise. Bill/Jonathan to check shower heads etc over winter and organise repairs, renewals as needed. Agreed unanimously

Sports Club Rents: Cricket Club already pay extra for insurance, water usage and waste water. To keep rent same as last year. Running Club to remain the same. Football Club no rent whilst inactive. Agreed unanimously

Wifi: Completed Pavilion end of project, need to finish Village Hall. Difficult running cables through Village Hall roof space. Jonathan to liaise with Dave Austin to complete Village Hall section before start of Cricket Season 2019

Future Projects:

Drainage improvements: required to both upper and lower playing fields. Upper due to roots getting in to drains. Lower playing fields has no work to drains since playing fields established 45 years ago. Suspect all drains silted up. Agreed need to get quotes and advice from specialist companies, Jonathan Elworthy to ask Jonathan Harmer, Martin Wilkinson and GNS Brown Ltd

Cricket Club, outfield/ covers storage and rabbits damaging cricket pitch. Jeff Hopkins to ask Charlie Simpkin for permission to rent small section of his land adjoining the playing fields and for permission to allow control of the rabbits in the extensive warrens partly on playing fields and partly on his land that are causing damage to the pitch

Geoff Wicken's legacy update:

The GWT has approached charity commission for registration – still ongoing- Current value over £1.2m The funds are mainly invested in Lloyds private portfolio . Awaiting clearance from Charities commission hopefully early next year. Expect annual income £40,000 with £200K capital to spend. Looking to give annual income to Sports Pavilion replacing the Parish Council income and probably a little extra.

MUGA update

Jeff Hopkins reported the Wilkinson are talking to Tommy Downs who owns the land at Stisted Way. They are hoping to be able to purchase some land adjacent to the school. GWT will be looking to help with the maintenance costs of the MUGA.

Dog fouling

Agreed to place bin at top of concrete steps connecting upper and lower playing fields and improve signage. Agreed did not want to ban dogs from playing fields and difficult to enforce a night time dogs on lead policy.

Damage to ground

Recently reported by local resident a known person driving on to the playing fields causing damage to the ground. Photographed by local resident. Jonathan to write to known person and request not to drive on the playing fields.

Low level lighting

Request from Running Club for low level lighting along grass track from Village Hall recreational area to Sports Pavilion. As outside EPF area Sarah to pass Parish Council.

Constitution:

Jonathan requested updating constitution as outdated for current needs. Bill recommended Ian Mellor has expertise in this area for help with customising readily available "off the peg" constitutions. Action Jonathan

Next meeting

It was agreed that the AGM should take in consideration the various club seasons and be held annually as close as possible to the third Wednesday in October. The next AGM and Committee Meeting will be on 4th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.07