

Stansted Parish Council
comprising the villages of
Stansted & Fairseat

**Items of interest from the Meetings of the Parish Council held on Monday
2nd June 2014**

The main event at the meeting held on 2nd June was a presentation by the Medway Croquet Club, following a request that the Parish Council considers providing the club with space on the Recreation Ground in Stansted. The club is currently based in Ditton, but their lease will not be renewed and they are looking for a new home. They require space for at least 3 lawns, preferably 4 or 5, a building and storage space. Their members come from as far away as Bromley, Ashford and Sittingbourne, but also as close as Ash. During questions it became clear that they would need the lawns to be permanently off limits for anyone other than club members and it was acknowledged by everybody that a public open space such as the Recreation Ground was unsuitable for such an enterprise. After the club representatives had left, a short discussion took place about whether other provision could be made for them on part of Brownes Field, which is owned by the Parish Council. It was felt that club members were likely to be of more advanced age and that therefore in terms of providing something for the elderly, it would not be against the terms of the bequest. Harry is following this up with the club.

As neither Borough Councillor nor the County Councillor was present, no reports were given. The rest of the meeting continued as normal, with only one planning application, a resubmission with some alterations of a previous application for land in Vigo Road, Fairseat that had already received consent. The Parish Council objected to this originally but as it now has permission, there was now no objection.

With regard to the rural broadband, Harry reported that there was now an accepted formal tender, but he was not at liberty to reveal who had been awarded the contract as papers were being drawn up. The installation should be in place by the end of the year.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th July in Stansted Village Hall, starting at 8.00 pm. Please do come along - everyone is welcome.

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