



Ashendon Playing Fields Association

Registered Charity Number: 288639

APFA Annual Report for Parish Meeting 24/4/17

The management committee was disbanded on 19th May 2016

Trustees (meet quarterly)

- Andy Theobald (Chairman), Harry Rand, Katy Jamieson, Vicky Ewers-Blue, David Crwys-Williams.
- James Gill unfortunately left the village & has resigned as Trustee
- Tans Theobald (Secretary) & Chris Pullin (Treasurer) continue support 'in attendance'

Maintenance:

- Rolling program of inspection to comply with Insurance requirements is in place.
- A Full electrical test was carried out on the pavilion and the installation has an updated certificate.
- Ongoing issue with mice in pavilion and moles on the football pitch
- Many thanks to Ashendon Parish Council for continuing to pay for grass cutting, their ongoing support is very much appreciated.

MUGA.

- Appears to be well appreciated by villagers and those from surrounding areas
- Sian Miller (with funding from LAF thanks to Paul Irwin) has obtained additional sports equipment, all kept in the locker
- A booking system is still needed for use - any ideas most welcome
- Sian is also planning a "Boulodrome"

Pavilion Hire

- Rentals raised £170 (£190 last year). Regularly advertised.

Play Equipment

- The double swing & rocking horse have proved very popular
- Maintenance to the wooden equipment is likely to be needed in the near future

Activities:

- Play Around the Parishes, organised via the Parish Council.

Held again throughout the year during the school holidays & proved very popular

- Conker championship / BBQ held in October – well attended and enjoyed by all ages
- Bonfire evening was enjoyed by all who attended.
- Ludgershall Football Club:

The club is well supported by family members & friends, with the pavilion, MUGA & play area providing a safe & fabulous resource for all. Various meetings are held in the pavilion throughout the year including the AGM & there is an annual social event also held on site.

Moles are a recurring nuisance with costs for treatments shared by the club & APFA.

Allotments

- 5 are currently let, at £25 per year. More are available if wanted and have been advertised. All tenants are now on annual contracts & the area is somewhat tidier, although weeds remain an issue. A second water butt is awaiting installation.

Paddock

- Is awaiting repairs to fencing, water supply from pavilion & spoil clearance – a quote has been obtained

Insurance

- Insurance costs have increased to cover the perceived added risk of the MUGA – cost in the financial year 2016-17 amounted to £1,074.
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100+ Club

- Numbers are slightly down this year (perhaps because of the Vale Lottery?) although more people are paying by direct debit. Please encourage your neighbours & any new villagers to join!

Subscriptions amounted to £1,065 and winners are announced in the Bernwode News.

Vale Lottery

- There has been increased take-up through the year, and total revenue in the financial year was £173
- Please visit www.valelottery.co.uk and nominate us as your chosen cause.....you could be in with a shout of winning a £20,000 jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 a week! Ashendon has already had several winners....join now & the next one may be you!

Donations

- £45 kindly donated by 100Club subscribers

Accounts

- Many thanks to Chris Pullin for his diligence and hard work
- Debt is still £4k

Ashendon Fun Horse Ride

- Very successful event, enjoyed by all participants.
- Fabulous support from volunteers
- Raised £1,466 (after costs)

Future Events

- The Ashendon Fun Horse Ride is happening again, in conjunction with Bicester Riding Club on 21/5/17 by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R Smith, Mr & Mrs R Lloyd, Messrs H, R, C & P Rand, Messrs L, J & D Curtis and Mrs Claridge. Featuring cakes & sausage rolls served by WI, BBQ & drinks, Photographer, Rosettes to all participants.

We need your help again in whatever capacity you can offer! If you're not riding please volunteer your help to Felicity Smettem or Tans Theobald.

TT 20/4/17