

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of **THE FLETCHING RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in Fletching Pavilion, Church Street, Fletching (7 – 7.45pm).

PRESENT: Councillors C Rothery (Chair), John Shaw (Treasurer and Booking Secretary), Tim Stack (Cricket Club) and Sharon Hobbs (Stoolball Club).

Members of the Public in Attendance: 0

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Damian Greenish (Vice-Chair) and Gabriella Paterson-Griggs (Clerk).

## **22/1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was RESOLVED that Chris Rothery be elected Chairman of the FRGC for the forthcoming year.

## **22/2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was RESOLVED that Damian Greenish be elected as Vice-Chairman of the FRGC for the forthcoming year.

## **22/3. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

It was RESOLVED that John Shaw be elected as Treasurer of the FRGC for the forthcoming year.

## **22/4. APPOINTMENT OF BOOKINGS SECRETARY**

It was RESOLVED that John Shaw be elected as Bookings Secretary of the FRGC for the forthcoming year.

## **22/5. APPOINTMENT OF CLUB REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

It was RESOLVED that the following representatives be appointed for the forthcoming year:

- i. Fletching Cricket Club – Tim Stack
- ii. Fletching Football Club – Darren Bradley and Stuart Jefford
- iii. Fletching Stoolball Club – Sharon Hobbs

## **22/6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23**

It was RESOLVED that Rupert Ayton be appointed as auditor for the 2022/23 financial year.

## **22/7. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of the FRGC, approved by the Parish Council in July 2020, were noted.

## **22/8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 (Annual Meeting) and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 (Ordinary Meeting) were a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

## **22/9. TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022**

During the year the use of the Recreation Ground was curtailed due to Covid restrictions although the cricket club and football club were able to play a greater number of games than the previous season. The Stoolball club made very little use of the facilities. The use of the excellent children's play area came back into full use during the year.

A program of repair and remedial work had been carried out during the year including electrical lighting in the outside toilet and the emergency lighting inside the pavilion. The regular fire checks were carried out and replacement extinguishers provided. A RoSPA inspection and report was

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made of the children's area this is now under discussion by the management committee for necessary action.

A grant was received for £500 from Fletching Parish Council towards the provision of a drinking fountain.

## **22/10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Overall conditions returned to something like normality. Income from cricket was up substantially on the previous year as more play was possible. Expenses were down as less repairs were required and undertaken during the year. Net income for the year was slightly negative at £116.

The Unrestricted Fund saw a small fall in the balance to £7,517 and the Restricted Fund was unchanged at £3,193.

## **22/11. CRICKET CLUB REPORT**

The Cricket Club had a good season making use of the recreation ground facilities. Sadly the 1st XI ended up being relegated and start the 2022/23 season a league lower.

The Junior section of the cricket club is in good health with over 120 children signed up. Junior training would take place on a Friday and there was a full programme of fixtures. The cricket club has a new contractor looking after the outfield this season - Barcombe Landscapes. The outfield at this stage of the season looked excellent. It was noted that the cricket club had also done a great job tidying up around the ground and the Committee's thanks were extended to the club. New nets were due to be delivered and set up over the next few weeks.

The Cricket Club asked if the holly bush by the shed could be cut back. It was agreed this would be looked into. The FRGC would like to thank the Cricket Club for the new benches that had arrived at the Recreation Ground.

## **22/12. FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT**

No report was received from the football club.

## **22/13. STOOLBALL CLUB REPORT**

The Stoolball Club did not play in 2021/22 but would be undertaking a full league programme in 2022/23. The Stoolball Club also hoped to hold two festivals towards the end of the summer.

It was noted that there was one potential clash between the cricket club and the stoolball club that needed to be resolved.

## **22/14. FINANCE**

The Annual Report and Annual Return from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 was APPROVED as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **22/15. DEFIBRILATOR**

It was agreed the FRGC should install a defibrillator at the Recreation ground during the summer. It was noted that the Football Club was looking into installing a defibrillator but had struggled to get the funding from the FA. The Treasurer had received a couple of quotes and it was agreed that the FRGC would apply for a grant from the Parish Council to help fund for the equipment and installation.

## **22/16. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT**

It was agreed the RoSPA should be looked at again and any work highlighted in the report should be undertaken. It was noted that the Committee would need some help on identifying who can help undertake the work.

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It was also reported that the elephant in the playground was broken and needed to be repaired or removed/replaced.

## **22/17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The FRGC would like to thank Sharon Hobbs for the work she has undertaken to keep the outside toilet clean during the year.

The Committee also thanked George Gibson and Andy Shanks for their help in emptying the bins and assisting in keeping the recreation ground neat and tidy.

## **22/18. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is due to be held on:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm in the Pavilion.