

EGERTON PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 26th May 2021

Minutes

1. **Present:** Steve Wellard, Sarah Elworthy, John Harper, Jeff Hopkins, Al Jones, Phil Missing, Tim Oliver, Bill Smythe, Angus Buchanan
2. **Apologies:** Janet Mackay, John Harrison
3. **Minutes** of last meeting agreed as a true record. Proposed: Steve Seconded: Phil
4. **Update on Action points from previous minutes:** Janet access to bank account. Progressing, need to update signatories, authorisation and internet banking. **Action Steve and Sarah** to liaise with Janet to progress. Steve, key management, not progressed further. **Action: All member Clubs** to submit an audit of keys to Steve/Sarah by 1st July. Agreed it is the responsibility of the member Clubs to ensure good management of their key holders. Jan to contact Bill for second quote from Roger Harper, this has moved forward by e mail with quotes from Tim Kent and Rob Parnham agreed sufficient. Tim Kent has accepted work. Jeff, Jonathan and Steve to meet re drainage. Browns has agreed to provide work for cricket field and hopefully start by the autumn. Sarah and Phil to implement dogs on leads signs. Completed. Perception is this is currently being respected and less problems with fouling. Jeff and Tim to ask Parish Council for financial contributions to signs. Parish Council approved a 50% contribution to the costs at the April meeting. Sarah to write to Parish Council regarding the proposals for improved car parking and use of the Lower Field. Sarah reported the use of the Lower Field as a Wildflower Meadow and recreational area for the community was rejected by the Parish Council by a vote of 8:1 against. The improved car parking proposal has been submitted by the PC to ABC for possible Section 106 funding from the development of land opposite Four Winds. Steve to talk to AB and PR about joining committee. PR currently too busy, Angus Buchanan has kindly agreed to join. Jeff has proposed to the Parish Council that PR be nominated as the Parish Council representative as he is the Football Club representative. Jeff to ask Alison Robinson if she is happy to audit accounts. Alison has kindly agreed. **Action Sarah** to send letter of thanks. Steve on updating the constitution to reflect current needs. Steve reports no serious issues with the constitution to warrant change for our needs at the moment. **Action Sarah to liaise with Steve** on current Playing Fields constitutions for comparison and consideration for future funding bids.
5. **Financial Update:** Income: £2,146.84 Expenditure: £2,565.66 Balance: £1,990.78 Business Reserve Account: £14,078.20
6. **Maintenance Update:** Phil reported on general maintenance completed; down pipes protected, goal post repaired, shed door stop refixed, Aluminium strip to

prevent lift of rubber floor in changing room, fan in away changing room and starter motor for strip lights in loft fixed by electrician. Outstanding items; replacement and refixing of wooden bollards, dilapidations of paved steps to football pitch. Sarah requested Football Club to dispose of electrical tape removed from boots after play.

Action: Jeff to ask Parish Council to arrange for a bin to be emptied as part of the weekly waste collection. Agreed Playing Fields would provide the bin and for it to be positioned by the paved steps.

7. **Facilities.** Cleaning has been provided by Cricket Club every Monday for one hour from April until end of September. Agreed Football to arrange from September to end of March.
8. **Committee members and new members.** Steve thanked everyone for giving up their time for this volunteer role. A warm welcome to Angus Buchanan and Al Jones as new members to the Committee. **Angus** has offered his experience and Al is the new representative for Egerton Running and Cycling Club.
9. **Club updates: Cricket;** Successful Club activity within lots of people involved. In process of replacing the old cricket net for a two lane 33m fully artificial facility, plans to be sent to committee shortly. Price under negotiation currently. **Football;** Junior football up and going well on Wednesday evenings. **Running;** changed to Egerton Running and Cycling Club and increased membership to 50, with a new website and increased range of activities. The Couch to 5K has 30 starters. The club is expanding and in a good phase.
10. **Rabbits:** A particularly bad phase at the moment, discussed netting the cricket square to prevent divots on the square which could result in unpredictable bounce. Rabbit warrens prevalent around the boundary of the Playing Fields and within the playing fields itself. Discussed methods of controlling the rabbit population and improving the rabbit netting. **Action Steve** to speak to Charlie Simpkin regarding the particular large warren. On the bank/ wooded area / field adjoining cow corner
11. **Bookings and bookings Officer;** Bill reports previous regulars are now starting to make enquiries and bookings. Bill doesn't envisage it being a problem and anticipates going back to pre-pandemic bookings within a few months. Bill happy to continue with this role until another willing to take over. Clubs to ensure they keep Bill informed on use of pavilion so as not to clash with other bookings. Committee thanked Bill for his work and his robust system of ensuring the appropriateness of non-club bookings whilst protecting availability for the member Clubs. Discussion on key holders and key management for non-Club Bookings. Bill happy to continue with current system as his experience and that of committee members has revealed the limitations of locks with codes.
12. **Additional storage facilities;** Jeff and Steve are considering a timber 12ft by 8ft shed to be erected between machine shed and Sports pavilion Geoff Wickens Trust has agreed to fund. Jonathan Elworthy has offered to oversee project to specification. **Action:Tim/Jeff** to request permission from Parish Council for erection of shed **Action Jeff** to speak to neighbour with garden boundary in this area.

Commented [TW1]: Suggest we keep generic

13. [Vision for sport and recreation on the Playing Fields](#): Steve requested **action all** for ideas to be put forward for a vision for the future of the playing fields by end of June, Discussed accessing expertise for accessing funding.
14. [AOB: Sewage leakage](#): Sarah currently chasing up the lack of information from Southern Water regarding the recent sewage leakage between the leylandii hedge and the cricket nets. Clubs to be aware to report such issues that may affect the health and safety of the general public using the Playing Fields to either Phil, herself or the Parish Clerk.
[The Geoff Wickens Trust](#): has agreed to fund the new cricket nets, the drainage for the cricket pitch, the storage shed and the annual contribution from the Parish Council contribution towards running costs. Jeff also advised the Geoff Wickens Trust was funding the Parish Council for the felling of the Ash trees on the boundary fence with Ash die back.
15. [Next meeting date](#): 15th September 7.30pm face to face, virtual or hybrid to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 9.15pm