

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on
Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7pm**

Present: Richard Logsdail – Chairman
Michael Bath
Norman Gillam
Andy Letts
Dennis Letts

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence were received from Simon Harris and Richard Finch.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – there were no Declarations of Interest.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 27th April 2021** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Covid roadmap and lifting of restrictions after 21st June 2021** – It was noted that the date for lifting the covid restrictions had now changed to the 19th July 2021. The clerk to confirm the date with the cricket and football teams. **Action: KG**
Norman made reference to a check for legionnaire's disease for the showers.
Action: AL
3. **Football – update on teams** – The clerk to speak to Ian Stokes to ascertain OTC's intentions for next season. **Action: KG**
 - 3.1 **Lakers FC and pitch share for next season** – An approach had been made from Waterhall Stars to pitch share with Lakers FC for next season. It was agreed that there would be extra maintenance work on the pitch but this would be feasible. It was agreed to offer Waterhall Stars a contract for next season under the same terms as Lakers FC currently had. **Action: KG**
 - 3.2 **Approach from MK Dons Set for summer football at Emberton** – The clerk stated that MK Dons Set had offered a summer football club at a cost of £100 per one hour session. It was agreed not to take this up due to the activities already taking place in Olney.
4. **Cricket – update** – It was noted that Clifton Reynes had only played one game out of 5 due to the weather and no opposition. Andy made reference to covers for the square and stated that it took extra time to put them on and take them off.
 - 4.1 **MK Stallions – match on 4th July** – An approach had been made by MK Stallions to have a friendly match on the 4th July and a family event. This was agreed in principle but the team would have to follow the current covid restrictions in place.

A discussion took place regarding access and it was agreed that Norman would get two sets of keys cut for the outside toilets and scoreboard. **Action: NG** It was also agreed to get another keysafe for these keys. **Action: MB**

5. **Changing rooms/showers – to agree a way forward** – Richard stated that at the moment, the requirement was to get them clear as there was a filing cabinet that belonged to the History Society that had been left in them. **Action: RL/DL** A discussion took place regarding the showers and what was required. It was agreed that the committee needed to find somebody that specialised in sports facilities. **Action: KG** to look into this. Richard asked about the solar panels. Michael explained that any additional electric could not be fed back into the grid. **Action: RL** to speak to Emma Gibson.
6. **Tennis – maintenance of court** – Nothing to report.
7. **Field maintenance** – Richard commented that the field was looking good. Dennis reported that John Frost had helped him to get rid of all the grass cuttings and he was waiting for an invoice for this. Michael stated that the car park fence was in a very poor condition and needed replacing. It was agreed to get a quotation to replace the fence like for like. Andy asked if there could be a concrete loading bay approximately 3m x 3m. **Action: KG** to obtain a quotation.
8. **Dog fouling – update on situation and signage** – It was felt that more visible signage was required to deal with the situation of dog fouling. Action had been taken to direct dog walkers behind the back of the pavilion instead of taking a route across the field to access Emberton Park. It was agreed to look at further signage in general for the playing (no golf, no bbqs or overnight camping). **Action: KG** Dennis commented that the litter bin by the play area was full of dog waste and asked if the dog waste bin that was sited at the bottom of the mound could be moved to replace it. **Action: KG** to contact the contractor
9. **Footpath behind pavilion – update from Milton Keynes Council** – Update from MKC Rights of Way Officer as follows: “As it is open at the moment and not obstructed, I don’t believe there is an immediate need for a permissive agreement as there are no certainly plans for this to be blocked off and people can use it as they have been.

It’s an unusual situation as permissive routes are ordinarily offered by landowners in agreement so to undertake a permissive path agreement on council owned land would require further investigation. I will continue to look into this but just wanted to let you know it’s not something that is going to happen imminently.”

It was agreed to look at signage to direct dog walkers to the route behind the pavilion. **Action: KG**

10. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** and to approve any payments. The receipts and payments statements were approved. It was agreed to keep the SRC funds ring fenced within the parish council accounts rather than set up a separate account.

11. Any other business

Michael commented that the groundsmen were not aware of the bookings for people using the marquee so that they could work around cutting the grass.

Loam – Andy commented that he had ordered 3 tonnes of loam instead of the usual 2 tonnes as there were more cricket teams; this would be an additional cost of £200.

Marquee and cricket matches – Richard asked if the Sunday team could be advised to put their cricket bags in one area of the marquee instead of on the benches to allow for pavilion users to sit down. **Action: KG**

12. Date of next meeting – Provisional date of Tuesday 14th September at 7pm – meeting in The Pavilion

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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