

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Virtual Meeting – Monday 26th October at 7.30pm**

Present: Richard Logsdail – Chairman
Joe Walker – Vice Chairman
Michael Bath

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence were received from Norman Gillam, and Dennis Letts.

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

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 2nd July 2020** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd July 2020 were agreed. Richard enquired regarding the use of electronic signatures for Minutes. The clerk to ascertain. **Post meeting note:** Under the LGA 1972, Minutes have to be signed at meetings. The Minutes to be signed at the next face to face meeting.

2. **Football**
 - OTC** – Agreement has been signed by OTC and will be signed by SRC at the next face to face meeting.

 - Lakers** – Agreement has been signed by Lakers and will be signed by SRC at the next face to face meeting.

 - OB City FC** – It was noted that no response had been received from OB City FC to the emails and follow up calls from SRC. It was therefore agreed to take no further action.

3. **Approach from CTS football academy programme** – It was noted that the proposal from CTS football academy had previously been circulated to all committee members. In summary; 3 training morning with some access to the pavilion for match analysis and use of changing rooms after Covid, Wednesday afternoon matches with a full years fixture list to be published at a later date for 3 youth teams. Richard stated that he would like to try and accommodate this if possible. Michael responded that they would be playing for the whole of the year rather than a closed season when maintenance was carried out on the goal mouths. A discussion took place regarding whether the proposal was feasible in terms of using the pitches and pavilion. It was **agreed** that in principle the SRC would like to accommodate CTS but there were a number of concerns regarding the condition of the goal mouths and the need to mitigate this and the condition of the showers as to whether these would be acceptable. **Action: KG** to communicate this to James Preston.

- 4. Cricket** – Michael reported that Andy had finished the yearly maintenance programme on the cricket square which included reseeded and the application of loam. A discussion took place regarding a donation to those that had undertaken maintenance on the cricket square. It was proposed by Richard and seconded by Michael that donations be made to Andy (£200), Norman (£50) and Simon (£50) in recognition of the work that they had undertaken on the cricket square.
- 5. Tennis – maintenance of court** – Michael reported that Andy had sprayed the tennis court with moss killer and that it now required pressure washing. Richard commented it was now trying to figure out how to pressure wash the court and being able to connect to electric and water. **Action:** KG to speak to AL
- 6. Field maintenance** – Michael reported that the mowing had been finished for the season, spiking had started and some of the trees were being cut back.

Gate posts – Richard asked whether there was any action taken regarding the gate posts. Michael responded that it was more of a design fault; the keeper was forcing the bracket off every time the gate was shut. Dennis had taken it off and re-fixed it and it would be monitored over winter.

Car park fencing – It was noted that the fence at the top of the car park had been replaced.

Play equipment – Richard asked who was responsible for maintaining the play equipment. It was noted that the equipment belonged to MKC apart from the swings for older children which were owned by the parish council.

- 7. ESSC opening (marquee)** – Richard commented that as the cricket season was over, the plan by the ESSC was to move the marquee up against the pavilion by the bi fold doors and whether by doing so, this would require more paving slabs. Michael responded that if the paving slabs went out too far, it would restrict vehicles being taken onto the field for maintenance. Richard stated that the grass might need a trim once the marquee had been removed. Michael responded that he would undertake this and also trim the tree that had been inaccessible because of the marquee. **Action:** MB
- 8. To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** and to approve any payments. The receipts and payments statements were approved. There were no payments for approval apart from those referenced under item 4.

Maintenance Grant – The clerk explained that this was the grant application from the SRC to the parish council for the maintenance of the field and included machinery and equipment. Michael commented that everything was working ok and the mowers would not require servicing next year. **Action:** KG to forward to AL for costings on cricket square. It was agreed that the clerk would present the grant to the committee for approval via email.

- 9. Any other business** - The clerk made reference to the purchase of goal posts for the U10s girl's team from Olney. **Action:** KG to check the status of equipment with RF and if these did not belong to OTC, whether SRC wished to purchase their own.

ESSC and approach from CTS – Action: KG to ensure that the CTS approach was on the ESSC agenda.

10. Date of next meeting – 8th or 9th February 2021

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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