

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Virtual Meeting –Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm**

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

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

**Apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Dennis Letts and Richard Finch.

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

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were agreed. The Minutes to be signed at the next face to face meeting.
2. **Football – update on teams** – It was noted that football games resumed on the 29<sup>th</sup> March with 4 youth teams playing from Olney Town Colts and the Lakers continuing to play on Sunday mornings. The clerk to ask for the fixtures from all teams. **Action: KG**

3. **Cricket – update on teams for 2021**

**Clifton Reynes** will be playing at Emberton on Thursday evenings starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that a fee of £80 per game would be charged. The clerk to issue invoices monthly in arrears and forward a cricket contract. **Action: KG.**

**OU** – One off game for OU.

**Scoreboard key** – Norman confirmed that he now had this. Richard stated that there was a set of master keys inside the bar door. Norman to put a scoreboard key on the set of master keys. **Action: NG**

**Removal of items in car park dressing room** – It was noted that these items would be removed prior to the pavilion re-opening on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Coins for water heater** – It was noted that the old style £1 coins were required for the water heater for heating the water for the showers. Andy stated that there had not been any complaints from either of the Saturday cricket teams.

**Storing of stumps/bails and boundary markers – removal of same and return** – It was noted that these could be stored in one of the dressing rooms after the 21<sup>st</sup> June and prior to that would be stored in the outside toilet which the regular teams

had access to. Norman confirmed that he would liaise with Clifton Reynes regarding these arrangements.

4. **Cricket – to agree fees** – It was noted that Wollaston Cricket Club and Wellingborough Old Grammarians would be using Emberton as their home ground – fee set at £85.00 per match. OU – fee set at one off match at £100.00. Clifton Reynes – fee set at £80.00 per match. MK Stallions – fee set at £90.00 per match.
5. **Changing rooms/showers – to agree a way forward** – Richard stated that this project would require input from both committees and a discussion would be required as to how this would be funded. **Action: KG** to look at requirements for shower facilities for sports pavilions.
6. **Tennis – maintenance of court** – The clerk thanked Andy for arranging the spraying of the tennis court. It was felt that this could be an annual project.
7. **Field maintenance** – Michael reported that the grass was being cut regularly. Andy reported that the field had been sprayed with herbicide. Andy reported that there was an issue with the marquee in that the eyes were covered over with soil and could cause a problem with the spiker. It was agreed to wait until September/October to spike in that area. Andy commented that the field had been sprayed at 5.30am and that some dog owners had ignored the signs and crossed the field.
8. **Dog fouling** - Michael stated that there was a lot of dog fouling on the field and in particular by the goal posts and along the hedge by the properties in Hulton Drive. **Action: AL** to look at signage.
9. **Footpath behind pavilion – update from Milton Keynes Council and agree action** – It was noted that there was agreement within the committee that the footpath behind the pavilion should be designated as such. **Action: KG** to notify MKC. Thanks were noted to Michael and Dennis for opening the gate to allow access behind the pavilion to Emberton Park.
10. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** and to approve any payments. The receipts and payments statements were approved.
11. **Any other business**

**Covers for cricket square** – Andy stated that he would like to purchase some additional cricket covers at a cost of £310. It was agreed to revisit this at the next meeting.

**Maintenance Grant** – Andy asked about the maintenance grant from the parish council. The clerk reported that this was agreed at £3480 and was offset against income from football, cricket and tennis.
12. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm – meeting in The Pavilion

The meeting closed at 7.55pm