

**EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
SPORTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion on
Monday 28th November 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Simon Harris - Chairman
Michael Bath
Dennis Letts
Guy Palmer (Parish Council Representative)

Karen Goss – Clerk and RFO

To appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman – Simon stated that he would agree to Chair the meeting.

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

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

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 12th September 2022** – The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Football (teams update)** – The clerk commented that Sherington FC had changed their name to The Dolphin but this was purely due to sponsorship. The team had also requested that they be invoiced for the remainder of the year. **Action: KG**
3. **Cricket – update** - The clerk reported that she had advised the cricket teams of the fee increase for next year and these had been accepted. It was noted that a response had not been received from MK Rising Stars in relation to playing at Emberton next year on Sunday afternoons.

Storage of loam – A discussion took place regarding Andy’s email concerning storage for the loam. It was agreed, that due to the cost implication that this should not proceed.

4. **Tennis** – It was noted that the tennis court had been sprayed and would be jet washed in February.
5. **ESSC update** – It was noted that there was a fault with one of the sensors in the changing rooms, setting the alarm off. This was due to be replaced. **Action: ESSC**
6. **Changing rooms/showers** – Simon to speak to Andy about progressing this. **Action: SH.**
7. **Field maintenance** – Michael reported that the field had been spiked and would be mown once more. The redundant goal sockets have been removed; 4 in total and some of the trees have been cut back. Although there had been some recent heavy rain, the pitches had recovered well.

Simon reported that he had spoken to a contractor who had a machine that would mark out the pitches after being programmed with the co-ordinates. Once the pitch had been marked out, the machine would remember the co-ordinates. The first mark out would cost £120 + vat and the second mark out of the same pitch would cost £70+ vat. Simon to speak to Andy to see if this would help with his time.

Action: SH

8. **Resident parking scheme** – Andy had previously emailed to suggest that space for 6 vehicles could be made by roping off part of the field along the hedge line. Michael responded that this was the worse part of the field. It was agreed to find out from Andy whether there was still an issue. **Action: KG**
9. **Newport Pagnell Lions (Gerald Mann)** – It was agreed to purchase a plaque for the lime tree at the top of the field that had been planted by Gerald Mann in 2000. **Action: KG to cost**
10. **To receive the Receipts and Payments accounts** – The RFO's report was noted.
11. **Maintenance Grant** – Michael commented that the Honda mower might need replacing at some time at a cost of £1500. It was proposed by Michael, seconded by Simon and unanimously agreed that the Maintenance Grant of £4100 be passed to the parish council. **Action: KG**
12. **Assets and insurance** – Andy to put together a list of the cricket assets so that the clerk could advise the insurers. **Action: AL/KG**
13. **Defibrillator** – The clerk reported that the defibrillator was due to be installed on the 30th November and that it had been recommended by the electrician undertaking the installation that surge protection be fitted to the circuit board (£70). It was agreed to go ahead with this.
14. **Dog fouling** – It was noted that dog walkers had left dog waste bags hanging up on the posts by the cricket square.
15. **Date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7pm at The Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm