

**DRAFT Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 22nd August 2017 at 7.00pm in the MRG Pavilion**

Present: (Chair) Cllr Rob Taylor; Chris Sherwood, Chris Ratcliff, Colin Clarke, Malcolm Smith, Graham Orme, Mark Wycombe, Charlie Wilkinson; Graham Prince, Asst. Clerk Chris Arnold.

- 1 **Public session** – No members of the public were present.
- 2 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Ken Ogden, John Mason, Russell Horscroft, Clerk T Allen.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** – Charlie Wilkinson as Chairman of Stepping Stones Pre-School.
- 4 **Junior FC (Dynamos) football pitches expansion proposal** - Cllr Taylor opened the meeting noting that only the football pitch expansion proposal would be discussed, based on the information and drawings supplied by the Dynamos.
Ms Wilkinson stated that due to the growth of the Junior teams, four pitches are required for junior football. The proposed additional pitch with a channel down the middle would cater for the Under 9's as this age group was new.
It was noted that training is on a Saturday with practice sessions at 09:00 and match kick off at 10:45.
Mr Orme raised the issue of parking and Cllr Taylor said there was concern with the number of youths playing. Mr Clarke asked which teams play on Sunday mornings and Ms Wilkinson stated it will only be the under 13's and 17's. Regarding kick-off times on Saturdays for the senior teams, Mr Clarke stated that this is normally at 2pm, with cup games at 1:30pm for adult teams.
Cllr Taylor asked about communication between the senior and Junior teams. Ms Wilkinson stated they could do this by
 - Notice at the pavilion
 - Website
 - e-mail**It was resolved** that the pitch expansion proposal should go ahead.
Cllr Taylor stated he was trying to improve the road. There were issues with parking particularly teams arriving and leaving at the same time, so start times need to be managed.
Mr Orme stated that lessons had been learnt and that teams should be told not to turn up too early. The use of Bonner's School car park was mentioned for parking for home teams. Cllr Taylor stated that it may be possible to use the church car park and there is some parking available opposite the village shop.
Mr Wycombe asked if blue paint was acceptable for the new pitch markings. It was agreed by those present that this was acceptable.
- 5 **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 28th September 201

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:40.