

**DRAFT Minutes of the Maresfield Recreation Ground Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7.15pm in the MRG Pavilion**

Present: (Chair) Cllr Rob Taylor; Cllr Alan Strevens; Graham Prince; Tracy Allen; Chris Vacher; Malcolm Smith; Clerk T Allen.

- 1 **Public session** – No members of the public were present.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – John Mason; Cllr Ken Ogden; Colin Clarke; Bob Thompson; Russell Horscroft; Robert Smith; Elisabeth Grisenthwaite.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** – None.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September 2017** – It was resolved to adopt these minutes as a true record.
- 5 **Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda** – Re. Item 15, the Clerk reported that the request to use MRG for a car rally on August bank holiday 2018 had been withdrawn.
- 6 **Financial reports** – The 2016/17 audited accounts and the Cash Book, Bank Reconciliation and accounts reports for months 6 & 7 were received and noted. No issues were raised.
Mr Mason had reported that he understood that MRGC will benefit from the Waitrose gift system.
- 7 **Payment of subscriptions and fees** – It was noted that all payments are now up-to-date.
- 8 **Clubs Reports:-**
 - 8.1 **Football** – No report.
 - 8.2 **Dynamos** – No report.
 - 8.3 **Cricket** – Mr Smith reported that the Club's end-of-season dinner had been very successful.
Mr Smith and Mr Vacher reported that the Club would now become part of a larger inclusive zonal/County league, as the East Sussex League has ceased to exist.
 - 8.4 **Stoolball** – Ms Allen reported that the Club's end-of-season dinner will be held on the 11th December 2017.
 - 8.5 **Bowls** – No report.

It was agreed that, if any of the Clubs cannot be represented at MRGC meetings, it would help if a report can be forwarded to the Clerk in advance.
- 9 **Trees and boundary matters** – The new oak trees have now been planted adjacent to Park Farm Road; thanks were expressed to the Maresfield Conservation Group's Footpaths Team which carried out this work. The Maresfield Conservation Group is also considering making a donation to the cost of these trees.

The Chairman reported that part of the iron boundary fencing, at the lower right-hand gap, where walkers go through, has a bent angle-iron sticking up; Chairman to arrange for this to be dug out.

The Maresfield Conservation Group's request to hire MRG for a summer barbecue in 2018 was noted and discussed. It was agreed that this could go ahead in July or August 2018; exact date to be agreed in the new year.

10 Pavilion matters – The following items to be investigated by the Chairman:-

- Doors for the store on the south-side; new locks etc. (see minutes of last meeting).
- Main/side door loose sill.
- Changing room toilet door needs fixing.
- Paint lifting on changing room floor.
- Repair costs estimated at around £1200; Chairman to speak to John Mason.

11 Ground matters – Mr Smith and Mr Vacher outlined the Cricket Club's plans for improving its facilities, as discussed at recent MRGC meetings; noting that the Club was now seeking the Committee's approval in principle for it to proceed.

The Chairman reported that a mole catcher had now been employed.

12 Play area matters – The Clerk reported that the new picnic table had been installed; thanks were expressed to the Maresfield Conservation Group's Footpaths Team which carried out this work. The Maresfield Conservation Group also met the costs of this work to supplement a donation of £250 from the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported on repairs needed to the 'disabled' swing.

13 New notice boards – Noted that these are part of the ESCC Highways Dynamos JFC sponsorship package; Chairman to speak to Mr Horscroft.

14 Standing regulations for Clubs' use of MRG – Chairman to speak to Mr Horscroft who kindly agreed, at the Committee's last meeting, to write the first draft.

15 Communications and web site – Reports to Mr Robert Smith for items to be included in the Parish Magazine.

Mr Smith noted that there will be a joint Cricket and Stoolball Clubs quiz in the village hall on the 24th March 2018

16 Date of next meeting – Thursday 15th March 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:13.