
WHATTON AND ASLOCKTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY – REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1135385

THE PLAYING FIELD, DARK LANE, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG13 9FE

MINUTES OF the Meeting of the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee at the Cranmer Arms, Main Street, Aslockton on Wednesday 26th March 2014 at 8:00pm.

1. Members Present and Apologies

a. ***The members present were:*** R Crawford, Cllr. R Dawson, R. Lambourne, G. Nerney and Cllr. GR Redford (Chair).

b. ***Apologies were received from:*** Cllr. T. Daws P. Frost, and Cllr. N. Morley.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated to members were tabled and approved by the meeting.

3. Resignation of committee member

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr. M. Barker had resigned from the committee for personal health reasons.

The committee wished to record its thanks to Cllr. Barker for the contribution he had made to the Playing Field in general and the committee in particular. It also wished Cllr. Barker a speedy recovery.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that Cllr. Barker was an Aslockton Parish Council appointee to the committee and that he assumed that Cllr. N Morley would assume that position.

4. Installation of safety tiles under new swing

a. The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr. Barker was managing the 'Nest Swing' project, part of which involved the laying of the safety matting. The safety matting is currently stored in the pavilion.

The Chairman went on to explain that it is important that the safety tiles are laid as soon as possible and that there were two possibilities:

i. That a Committee member assume the project management role and arrange the laying of the safety tiles with the assistance of other committee members or:

ii. The supplier of the swing be contacted and asked to undertake the job – there will be a cost to the option.

b. The committee resolved to: Meeting on Saturday 29th March 2014 view a view of laying the safety tiles.

5. Ground Issues

a. Parking

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a communication from Whatton-in-the-Vale Parish Council who expressed concern over parking. The issue appears to arise out of the use of the playing field by Aslockton Cranmers on a Saturday morning. The gate to the field remained closed and users are parking on Dark Lane and Cottage Avenue causing disruption to residents and in some instances parking in a dangerous manner.

The Committee reiterated that it is incumbent on User clubs to ensure that the gate is opened and users are directed to park on the field and that all User Clubs should be notified of this responsibility. The Committee will write to the User Clubs reminding them of their obligations.

The Committee were also surprised by the number of vehicles on a Saturday morning (Aslockton Cranmers Junior FC) as they understood that the number of teams using the field had been drastically reduced (hence the reduced charge). The Club would be asked to confirm what teams are using the field.

b. Fence on Southern Boundary

R. Lambourne reported that a number of the top rails on the new fence on the Southern Boundary close to the Junior Pitch have been broken, it appears by individuals sitting on them. The Committee will look at the situation on Saturday 29th March.

c. Parking on the field

Concern was also expressed at the standard on parking, when the field is used for parking. In particular, on a Saturday Morning. User Clubs should be reminded that the entrance area MUST be left clear and parking should only be allowed alongside the North side of the Pavilion (between the Pavilion and the Trees).
VEHICLES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS THE PAVILION.

6. Finance

a. Outstanding Payments

The meeting was informed that payment for the use of the field for the 2013/2014 season was still outstanding from:

- i. Greyhounds Football Club
- ii. Cranmer Arms Football Club

The Chairman explained that it was of paramount importance that User Clubs pay on the due date and that failure to do so had a clear adverse effect on the Playing Fields financial position.

b. Accounts

The Accounts for the year to date were tabled. It was explained that there was a small profit of £380 after making provision for increasing the Play Equipment and Maintenance Reserves. It was also explained that the Capital Reserve had been eliminated by the funding of the new 'Nest Swings'. Overall the Capital and Reserves would be in the order of £5,300 compared with the prior year of £7,455.

c. Annual Accounts

The meeting was informed that the Annual Accounts would be available for consideration at the April meeting.

d. Fund raising

The Chairman requested that members give thought to methods of fund-raising. The loss of the Gala will have an impact on the Trust's income and alternative fund-raising ideas are required.

Cllr. Daws suggested a raffle (say 3 or 4 times a year) for cash prizes, members discussed the idea and it was felt that if all the Users Clubs were involved sale of between 500 and 600 tickets per draw was achievable. With a prize pool of £250 - £300, the Raffle could raise between £250 and £300 per draw for the playing field. It was decided that further discussion would be deferred to the next meeting. When other ideas would be discussed.

7. Date of next meeting 30th April 2014 at the Cranmer Arms.