

Minutes of the Beaudesert Sports and Recreational Ground Trust meeting held on 17th January 2017

PRESENT:

Pat Ansell (chairperson), Andy Ansell (treasurer), Sue Holliday (Secretary), Norman Stanfield representing Longdon and Gentleshaw PC, Maureen Allen representing the church, Martin Holmes representing the Cricket Club.

Minutes were agreed from last meeting

Matters arising:

There has been no response to the advert in the Trader about the availability of the field for football hire.

The Cricket Club has cut the hedge. There has been no contribution from the Cricket Club but the committee are aware of their poor financial situation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Andy presented the current accounts and there is now a healthy balance in the accounts.

He has sorted out play equipment inspections and grass-cutting for this year.

We have had the Wolseley Caravan Club stay over Christmas and we are awaiting a cheque from their new treasurer which will probably be about £500.

The condition of the field was very good after they left.

Andy has submitted a claim form for non-discretionary and discretionary rate relief and submitted revised plans to the council as we seem to be being charged for an extra hectare 3.6 ha instead of 2.6ha.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

John Tonks' tree. This was planted recently on the field. There was no ceremony because Margaret had not wanted one. Pat and Ken put the plaque for him up. The tree was very appropriately a Cricket Bat Willow which cost £80.

Pat had a 75th birthday party recently and asked for donations for the field which raised £455. The committee congratulated her on this.

The dog fouling signs have been obtained and will be put up shortly.

Pat asked whether we should continue to remain in the Staffs Playing Fields Association which would require paying £15 for the year. This was agreed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The bookings going forwards are:

Friday 16th June 2017 to Sunday 18th June 2017 Masonic Lodge of the Mystic Quest : 8 caravans / tents, booking deposit paid.

27th December 2017 to 1st January 2018 Wolseley Caravan Club, deposit paid

16th to 18th March 2018 Landrover Caravan Club, deposit paid.

Request for use of the field for parking on 1st April 2018 by Walton Chasers. This was agreed in principle, to be discussed further.

REPORT FROM THE CRICKET CLUB REP:

Martin said there is a lack of commitment towards being in the cricket club. He has done talks to schools but this has not resulted in any new people. However there is still a small nucleus of cricketers.

There continues to be no football clubs using the field.

FUND RAISING NEWS:

The NCVO organisation has given us free membership for another year and continues to send us information. It was agreed to come out of this when free membership finishes.

It was questioned whether we need to fund-raise at the moment. Andy said that the accounts were healthy and he keeps £1000 in credit always. The grant from Cannock Wood PC covers most of the maintenance.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was decided that we should continue promoting the field. Norman said that an article in Longdon Life might be a good idea, citing the field's history and advertising the field. This could be sent to Norman to be put in.

Andy said he was on the lookout for a larger rotary-mower. The container is still okay and useful.

Next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 14th March at 8pm at the Park Gate Inn.