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Present: Chairman: Cllr Chris Pepper

Stephen Higginson, Stephen Schlich, Margaret Simmons, Debbie Clarke (Treasurer Broadclyst FC) and Vicky Ebdon (Child Welfare Officer Broadclyst FC)

In attendance: Helen Cutting Administrator, Natasha Curwood Assistant Clerk

Members of public: 0

Sports Pavilions Management Committee (SPMC) meeting

Press and public were welcome to attend.

The Broadclyst Sports Pavilions Management Committee met on 18th January 2019 at 14:00hrs

for the purpose of transacting the following business:

MINUTES (Draft)

1. APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members; apologies for absence were received from:

Jean Thornett (Mixed crafts Group), Helen Evans (Toddler Group), Mike Ebdon (Broadclyst Seniors) Sean Carstairs (Broadclyst Juniors) Hazel (Girl guides and Brownies) and Michelle Spruce (Rainbows Leader).

2. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no Declarations of interest not currently on Councillors' ROIs nor receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* (DPI) dispensations on items on the Agenda

3. MINUTES

It was resolved to approve all minutes of the SPMC meeting held on 4th October 2018 as correct all where proposed by Stephen Schlich; seconded by Steve Higginson and unanimously accepted.

Standing orders were suspended

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions

The meeting reconvened under Standing Orders

5. CLERKS REPORT

Finance Report 2018/19 as at 31.12.2018 earmarked reserves and nominal ledger report by accountants attached.

6. OFFICERS REPORT

The administrator reported that all maintenance works and testing to be up to date; unfortunately work on the new shelving agreed at last meeting has not yet been completed as our contractor has not been available to carry out the work; it was agreed to approach the Parish office and request either an alternative contractor be sourced or if the work could be carried out in house by one of our ground staff? Sadly, the committee were advised that our Monday morning group Disco Time has disbanded as Helen's work commitments conflict with the group however Helen remains active in the community having taken over the running of Friday's Toddler group. Natasha advised the committee that the 1st aid box had been undated and new signage was in place (1st aid box can be found under the hand sink in the kitchen) also you've hopefully noticed the defibrillator sited on the outside wall beside the main entrance.

The floor was then opened to discuss the issues arising from dog mess being left by irresponsible dog owners on the football pitch and surrounding area.

Natasha advised that the Parish office have contacted the environmental Health Officer requesting advice in the matter and a response is awaited. Several ideas were discussed these being on whether a **dog on leads only** policy was viable? Vicky informed the committee that even when games are being played owners allow dogs to run freely across the pitch; Could sterner worded signage be used? More signage within the area? Signage advising the position of free poo bags? Apparently, it's against the law for a dog owner not to carry poo bags of some description how many people are aware of this? Also, as the field is a public space you are within your rights to take photos of those offending... the majority present at the meeting thought that additional signage was a good starting point and the committee will await the advice of the environmental health officer.

7. USER GROUP REPORTS

- a) **Bowls** – The season is due to start in April 2019 and presently membership stands at only 23; the Over 60's team did well in the league and will be reforming next season. The bowls annual dinner only saw 27 attendees low numbers obviously also affects the club's income. It has been arranged for another leaflet drop to new builds in the area and articles in both the broadsheet and new Pinhoe magazine in the hope of attracting new recruits to an aging group.
- b) **Craft** – No report received.
- c) **Tennis** – It was reported that the tennis season has gone well with additional members this year; there was a query on whether the tennis court gate would go back to being locked and if pay per play would then be reinstated, Debbie Clarke advised that the post office would be happy to help with the administration of any new system that we may introduce and collection of fees.
- d) **Toddlers** – Toddlers started back on Friday 11th Jan. We had a lovely Christmas party at the end of last year, which lots of little ones and their grownups came to. Big thanks go to Roger for being our guest of honour again and handing out the presents. It was magical for the children to see Santa there!

The group continues to see steady numbers of attendees, including several babies now, so it's nice to see the next generation of toddlers coming through the door each week as well as those who are nearing pre-school age.

- e) **VIP's** – No report received.
- f) **YMCA** - No report received.
- g) **Football – Broadclyst Football Club – Report by Sean Carstairs read to the committee by Debbie Clarke** Again Echo everything mike has said and am glad to see the dog mess on the agenda Also I would like to ask again if there is a possibility of having some stock soil on the site again only today I had to fill a number of holes in made by dogs if it wasn't for the mole hill available to get some loose soil the game would have been abandoned In regards to the dugouts I have had initial conversations with Angie and we will be working on the in the future with the parish and the Trust The youth Club is going from strength to strength and at this moment in time we are unable to take on a new members and currently have a waiting list of 14 across all age groups. Natasha advised that a bumpy bag of each soil and sand had been ordered and would be stored by the hedge at the top of the Pavilions carpark.
- h) **Broadclyst Seniors – Report by Mike Ebdon read to the committee by Vicky Ebdon** So far, we're having an extremely successful season. We have a squad of talented young players; generally ranging in age between 16 & 22 (with a few... 'more experienced' players sprinkled in) Currently sitting 3rd in the table and have won the last 6 league games in a row. Very happy... hopefully, we'll be able to report a very successful 1st season when May comes around. With regard to issues we have encountered, I know I'm continually harping on about the same old things, but dog mess, dog walkers and dogs digging holes is still a massive problem. The field is treated like a dog toilet. Nothing more. Just two weeks ago, we had the pitch set up, ready to go. You could clearly see we were just about to play. 3 people allowed their dogs to mess in the middle of the pitch with complete disregard to what was happening... they picked it up, granted, but even when you pick up after your dog, you never get it 'all' and dog wee is just as disgusting. We live in a beautiful part of the countryside with places to walk all around us. I don't understand why people feel the need to use a sports complex to exercise animals. Baffles me. That said, I always get a really positive response from the Parish when I raise this issue and I know you're doing all you can to help us. So thank you. Another thing (and this is no one's fault) is pitch quality this year. We have a lot of teams playing there and the playing surface has taken a hammering. I have had some really positive conversations with the groundskeeper when I've been marking the pitches and he feels that the type of grass is partly to blame for this. He is very keen to help us improve the playing facilities and try to help stop people using it the way they do. I know we have dugouts coming (thank you!) I would also like to suggest that the groundskeeper is allowed to use a different type of grass seed (I can't remember what he called it) to improve the life of the pitch and it's robust...ness(?) I would also like to ask about the possibility of having barriers around the pitch to really stand out to the dog walkers that the pitch is not to be used in the manner it is. Walk around the outside, on dog leads, no problem. On

the pitch... needs to be left alone. We'd be happy to source a company to complete the work and even raise the funds ourselves. We would just like your permission. Our club is growing. The Pavilions has massive potential as a sports complex and I'd love to see it grow with us and be the hub for Broadclyst FC. The possibility of using the new Westclyst pitch for training nights therefore leaving Broadclyst pitch for matches only with the thought that this would assist in the condition of our pitch was discussed; Vicky advised the committee that the FA requires all pitches where children play to have toilet facilities which Westclyst does not the chair advised that he would personally look into the matter at East Devon District Council level.

i) **Cranbrook FC** - No report received.

j) **Brownies/Guides** – Update from the Brownies and Guides:

It's been a busy term, and we are currently running at capacity for Brownies, although we do have some spaces for the Guides. Over the term we took part in a piece of collaborative work with Killerton House, continuing our exploration of the Suffragists, Suffragettes and what it means for girls and women today. This culminated in working with a musician and film maker to create a song and film based around active citizenship now. We were pleased to be invited to take part in the Remembrance Day Service where we made one poppy for each of the servicemen from Broadclyst who fell in the First World War, and the girls read out the names during the service. We, along with the Rainbows, received a grant from the Parish Council for neckerchiefs for each of the girls. This helps us stand out as Girlguiding in Broadclyst, which will be helpful as we are joining several hundred other members of Guiding on Saturday at the cinema!

The Brownies recently did an environmental survey of the local area, and were shocked to find that even though there are plenty of litter bins around (we counted!), there was a lot of litter on the field and in the surrounding area. They made a few suggestions, including on-the-spot fines for people seen dropping litter and undertaking a litter pick as a unit. The latter is something we will be following up as the weather improves.

k) **Rainbows** - I will be unable to attend the SPMC meeting on Friday therefore please accept my apologies.

For Broadclyst Rainbows, all continues to go well with the unit, with a committed group of girls who attend meetings each week. We have a 'Get Healthy' and 'Be Well' theme planned for this term where the girls will be learning some basic first aid and undertaking activities around keeping healthy. We also have a couple of trips planned this term to see the new Mary Poppins film at the cinema with the Brownies and Guides, and plan to do some trampolining at a local centre. We have no issues or concerns to report, however while I appreciate that the feasibility of installing an additional shelf in the storage cupboard was explored last year, the lack of any storage at the Pavilions for our group is still disappointing. We continue to have to store our group's equipment at my house and bring this to and from meetings each week.

8. AGENDA 2019

Next meeting will be held on Friday 12th April 2019 @ 7pm.

Items to note for the next meeting – Update on dog poo situation.

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

Close of meeting @ 14:55pm.

Signed:

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Date:.....

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