

**The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association**  
**Minutes of the Committee meeting 10/05**  
**Held at 7 Manor Lane on Tuesday 28 September 2010**

**1. Present**

Claire Walton (CWa), Charlie Whinney (CWh), Nik Johnson\* (NJ), Andy Paul (AP), Trevor Peer (TP), Paul Thomas (PTh), Phil Taylor (PTa), Barry Girling\* (BG)

**2. Apologies**

Stuart Titmus (ST)

\* non-voting members

**3. Matters arising from the minutes:**

09/07.4: Action carried forward to next meeting: **PTh to ensure that the gutters are cleaned.**

10/03.1: There was a discussion about the cricket square and interest in cricket within the villages. AP expressed an interest. CWh was keen to keep the field open however the square was a barrier to the football club expansion plans. Martin Bennett had tried to start up cricket a couple of years ago without success due to a lack of interest. CWh proposed to remove the cricket square and enable the football club to expand. There were no objections to the proposal.

10/03.2: Results of the soil analysis show that the field is compacted clay and will require a full treatment. There was a discussion about managing the maintenance of the field. The main points were:

- It would be more practical for Peter Round to liaise directly with a member of the FC. **BG to ask the PC to give Peter Round permission to deal with Russell Thompkin and to pass on quotes from Peter Round to the PTh.**
- CWh was expecting Peter Round to tine the existing football pitches in September, October and November and fertilise in September and March. The GSRA has budgeted £1400 for this. Nothing appears to have happened in September.
- The FC is considering taking over the management of the grounds and the costs involved by 2012/13 season. There was a discussion about whether the constitution would allow for it and why the FC would want to cover the costs when the PC and GSRA have the funds available. **BG to find out whether the PC will pay more towards the ground maintenance. PTh to check the constitution and bring proposal for 2011/12 and 2012/13 going forward for the committee to consider.**

10/03.3: The school do not want to promote any sports on the sportsfield and do not intend to use it to any great extent.

10/03.4: Lights are the biggest common issue between the tennis and football clubs. The car park at Sand Road needs repair. The FC will resurface with hardcore. Longer term plans may include removing the mound and levelling the ground to create more parking space.

Pitches and drainage – the ditch is now cleared from the pavilion to the tennis club and along Sand Road. PTh met with Mike Capps who pointed out that the water needs to be able to drain away at either end. There are 50 yards at the end of the sportsfield that have not been cleared and then the drain runs under the road which would be the Highways responsibility to clear. There are drains in the middle of Sand Road end of the field, in front of the pavilion

and behind the mound that need to be checked and cleared. **PTh to clear drains. CWh to ask Celia Chignell about clearing ditch between Sand Road and the field adjacent to the sportsfield.**

The tennis club are having the lights replaced like for like in October. The cost has increased from £12,500 to £16,400 in order to dig a channel from the pavilion for a new feed to meet EEC standards. The security and CCTV lights will be sorted out. **TP will notify the nursery when the work is to be done.** NJ asked if external sockets could be put on the club house for the Bonfire night. **TP will find out.**

10/03.5: **BG to ask Graham Chapman for dimensions of 6 aside pitch**

10/04.1 Trustees' contact details were sent to AP.

10/04.2 The 3 trustees have signed the CCLA mandate for a change in correspondence.

10/04.3 Des Merrill has been paid for the car park planings.

10/04.4 The playgroup will not park on the field except for the annual trip in July.

10/04.5 The Ball Committee have been asked not to park on the field for future Balls. There has been not response.

10/04.6 Redstripe was only invoiced for part emptying of the sewage tank prior to its disconnection.

10/04.7 The PC has been sent funds to pay for the sewage tank installation. The tank will be serviced this month and if all in order **CWa will write to thank the Poors Land Fund.**

10/04.8 The sewage tank has been fenced.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** the minutes were approved.

**5.** There is a vacancy on the committee. **[ACTION 1: CWa to advertise]**

**6.** The hedges on the tennis court side of Sand Road need trimming ideally in the last week of October to burn on the bonfire. **[ACTION 2: CWh to ask Paul]**. The trees in the corner of the field are, according to Mike Capps, Parish free trees. CWh has asked HDC to look and decide whether they can be cut down. The committee will plant 3 replacement trees elsewhere in the village.

**7.** The FC outstanding payment is owed by Bobby at the Chequers. The FC owes £315 plus corresponding number of hours labour which could be used for the ditch work and car park resurfacing (The adult club agreed to pay £15 plus 1 hour labour per home game). **[ACTION 3: PTh to speak to FC treasurer to find out the arrangement for collecting subs from the adult teams and bring a proposal for payment of 2010/11 seasons fees]**

## **8. Bonfire**

The band, NJE, plans to use a generator. The Scouts will do the food and bar. Roundabout Revellers will do the gate and security. The PTA will do the marquee and marking out areas.

Kevin Leary from Andover Fireworks will do the display for £1500.

The price will be £6 adults £5 in advance and £5 children £4 in advance.

There maybe a Merry Go Round, candyfloss, etc. If so rent will be paid.

The start time is 5:30, bonfire lit at 6pm and fireworks at 6:30. It was suggested that there should be a happy half hour to encourage early arrival.

Hole filling and clearing of pitches will be required. **[ACTION 4: PTh to ask if adult FC can help]**

#### **9. AOB**

The FC has been unable to get cover for the container. **[ACTION 5: PTh to get insurance company details from AP and find out who insures the allotments]**

The accounts have been audited. **[ACTION 6: CWa to prepare and submit trustees report and audited accounts to the Charity Commission.]**

An off road marathon is being organised which will start and finish on the sportsfield.

PTh asked if the nursery could free up some storage space for the FC. **[ACTION 7: PTh to ask the nursery]**

#### **10. Next meeting:**

Monday 8 November 8pm – Committee meeting.