

**The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association**  
**Minutes of the Committee meeting 11/02**  
**Held at the Crown & Cushion on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 8pm**

**1. Present**

Charlie Whinney (CWh), Andy Paul (AP), Ian Darroch (ID), Phil Taylor (PTa), Claire Walton (CWa), Martin Bennett (MB)

**2. Apologies**

Alasdair Balfour (AB), Barry Girling\* (BG), Paul Thomas (PTh)

\* non-voting members

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

09/07.4: Ian Hamilton is now aware of the job and will clear the gutter. PTh to advise Ian that sundry expenses will be reimbursed. This work is now a priority due to damp internally. **MB to take action forward.**

10/06.1 Kevin Diss will install the CCTV cameras at the Caxton Road end by the end of Jan 2011 and invoice GSRA c.£700 plus his annual maintenance contract of c.£500. **CWh to ensure completion.** The tennis club cameras are not working since the flood lights were changed. It is the tennis club's responsibility to rectify.

10/06.2 CWh has read the meters and will email a table of the results.

10/06.5 PTh to ensure container is painted dark green, in the summer 2011.

10/06.7 CWa to write up Nik Johnson's bonfire model for 2011.

10/06.8 PTh to pass the signed key holder forms to CWa.

11/01.5 BG to talk to Mike Capps about relocating the bonfire event to his field on Hardwicke Road

11/01.7 AP to invoice GFC for next instalment of £550.

11/01.9 The drains are all clear and running well.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** the minutes of 17 January 2011 were approved. **11/02.1 CWa to post to the website.**

**5. Pavilion/Nursery Garden**

The fence is in disrepair. The nursery has plans for a woodchip area and second gate at opposite end. The nursery would prefer to keep the garden where it is as there is direct access and is willing to pay for the improvements.

The kitchen improvements are on hold. Jason Dixon will let the committee know of any kitchens being removed in projects he is working on that might be suitable for the pavilion.

ID left the meeting.

## **6. Sports Day**

The date is in the village diary and has been announced in the Roundabout March issue.

Tang Su Do would like to demonstrate at 1pm.

The Scouts have been asked but not confirmed yet.

NJE cannot play. **11/02.2 CWa to look into other options**

11/01.3 CWa to draft a timetable and activity list

11/01.4 CWa/CWh to update the village posters

**11/02.3 CWh to check tennis club's plans.**

**11/02.4 AP to check with Calvin Crook for bleep test. MB to ask the FA.**

**11/02.5 CWa to contact bowls.**

**11/02.6 CWh to ask Chris Elwood for Tug of War rope from Scouts. BG to retrieve trophy from Gavin Medlock.**

**11/02.7 AP to investigate the possibility of having a tag rugby event.**

## **7. Cricket Strip**

Stuart Bygraves will remove the strip by digger and truck for £600 and refill.

The strip will need to be turfed or seeded at an additional cost.

**11/02.8 CWh to talk to Mike Capps**

**11/02.9 CWa to put a notice in Roundabout that the strip is to be removed.**

## **8. Pitch Fertilisation**

An agronomist from Cambourne has inspected the pitch on behalf of GFC. The advice was to decompact the soil which will solve the drainage problems at the top end of the field. For the bottom end, terracing and proper drains would be required costing in the region of £20K and the area would be out of action for 12-18 months. This was not considered viable and the club would prefer to create an Astroturf pitch in the area in the future.

Funding - Sport England will be announcing its investment plans for village clubs in April/May this year. GFC are submitting a grant application to the Football Foundation including the soil analysis and treatment costs and temporary floodlights (£6000). GFC will get a full soil analysis done before deciding on fertilisation needs and will go ahead with this immediately.

## **9. Pitch Layout**

MB distributed a copy of the GFC's plans for pitch layout. U10 team will be playing at Eltisley (school pitch).

PTa left the meeting.

## **10. Bonfire relocation**

CWh has spoken to Kimbolton Fireworks which have offered to hold a course in early September to show how to lay out fireworks and set them off for a 15 minute display. If we buy the fireworks in September there will be a 15% discount.

**11/02.10 CWh will speak to Trevor Bounford, Paul Greenland, Jon Severn, Jon Charles and Andrew Fogg and gauge their interest in attending the course and doing the display.**

There was a brief discussion about insurance and the possible need for a disclaimer.

The date of the fireworks will be 5 November 2011.

## **11. AOB**

GFC would like an additional storage facility near the pavilion. Power from the pavilion is required for charging the floodlights.

**11/02.11 MB will provide measurements of storage unit.**

**11/02.12 CWh to chase Kevin Diss for CCTV invoice.**

**11/02.13 CWh to tidy up bonfire site and ask Jamie Chignell if he would burn off the wood.**

**11/02.14 The committee agreed to GFC putting up a catch net alongside the tennis courts. MB to instigate.**

## **11. Next meeting:**

Wednesday 27 April 2011