

MINUTES OF JUBILEE FIELD USER GROUP MEETING

22nd June 2015

Present:

Graham Levers (Sway Tennis Club)	Ron Loveless (Sway Senior Football Club)
Sue Brayley (Parish Clerk)	John Bailey (Sway Junior Football Club)
David Gibbons (Sway Tennis Club)	Brian Batchelor
Dave Hurrell (Sway Cricket Club)	Andrew Blackwell (Sway Senior Football Club)

1. Apologies

Cllr Kevin Cripps.

2. Previous Minutes (9th April 2015) – agreed.

3. Previous Minutes – Matters Arising

- **Spare refrigerator** – Has now been disposed of.
- **Kitchen Cleaning** – Done.
- **Spare tennis court carpet** – One roll has now been used for a different purpose.
- **Troublesome Tree** – The field maple has now had a crown lift completed by tree surgeons, courtesy of the parish clerk's liaison efforts. Graham Levers advised that some of the tennis club were concerned that there was a fir tree that also needs pruning as it is dropping needles etc. on the macadam tennis court. Sue Brayley advised to liaise with Cllr Seacombe who is now the designated Tree Officer.

4. Club Reports

Senior Football

- The club is busy preparing for the new season and has a number of pre-season friendly matches organised.
- New management teams have been established which have brought in 21 new players. The Club has switched from the Bournemouth League to the Hampshire League; this will involve extra travel but the club hopes to make better progress in this league.
- A number of suppliers and club volunteers are now doing pre-season maintenance.

Junior Football

- John reported that the under-11 girls training squad has continued to expand and the club will be entering a girls' team in the New Forest District League this season (the Club is wanting to support the new New Forest District League as much as possible).

- The Club held a successful AGM and presentation day recently.
- Pre-season training will start in July, with the first matches scheduled for the first weekend of September.
- The Parish Clerk questioned whether the introduction of girls' matches would mean any additional changing room requirements in the pavilion. John to advise Sue accordingly.

Action : Junior Football to advise whether there is a specific requirement for additional girls' changing facilities.

Tennis Club

- The club supported the St Luke's Spring Fair recently, and also a Fair at Tiptoe school last weekend.
- The club participated in the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend initiative in May. There was a great turnout with well over 66 people taking part in the trial activities on offer.
- The club had also recently hosted a Charity Tennis Day sponsored by the Tennis Circus charity, with coaching sessions from two ex-Davis Cup players. This was again very successful.
- Plans for the proposed redevelopment of changing rooms 3 and 4 into a tennis club room have now been drawn up. Further to the agreement in principle, granted by the Parish Council some time ago, these plans will be submitted to the Amenities Working Group on 25th June for the council's consideration.
- The club had organised an open Invitational Ladies Doubles tournament last month, as a bit of an experiment. This was a successful day, raising healthy funds for the club. It is planned to hold more similar tournaments in the future.
- Team reports – the Ladies team is doing well, but the Mixed and Men's teams not so well.

Cricket Club

- The cricket season is now under way. The Colts are doing well – better than the Seniors.
- The Girls team is now in their second season and a Ladies team is now being fielded for the first time.
- The club's prize for having been elected club of the month for June 2015 was to have four of Hampshire's top players come and give players the benefit of their experience.
- Dave reported that there is an issue with trees on the Shelborne side of the field. These trees have now grown to a height where they cast distracting shadows over the pitch in the height of summer. Dave was requested to forward these concerns to the Parish Clerk for follow up.

5. Parish Council Report

- Sue Brayley expressed the Council's thanks for the clubs' support in addressing the costs at the Jubilee Field. A list of items in the pavilion requiring maintenance will be produced by the Clerk – this was requested by Ron so that trade professionals within the clubs can be asked to help out, thereby reducing the Council's costs.

- **Amenities Working Group** – Sue Brayley advised that this group now comprises the following councillors: Fleat, Rickman, Seacombe, Pepper, Gresham-Hale and Dance. This prompted Ron Loveless to express his concern that there were no parish councillors present at this meeting, which he felt was a disgrace. Ron explained that the Senior Football Club has done a lot to support the parish council and see the JFUG as a vehicle for putting proposals to the Amenities Committee (Working Group). Ron then read out a statement from the Senior Football Club which he is planning to pass to the Amenities Working Group. The essence of this statement was that:
 - the Football Foundation, with Lottery funding, had enabled Sway Parish Council to provide a Playing Field for recreation and sport, which is the envy of many. All of the JF users are appreciative of the facilities offered. To protect this sports ground SFC believe it is important for the parish council to come up with a vision of how the Jubilee Field project should be developed, together with a comprehensive finance or self-funding plan to support that vision. In recent years the parish council has failed to put the necessary structure in place to take the project forward and this now needs to be properly addressed, with competent financial representation on the project to understand how parish council money is being spent on the Jubilee Field. Ron went on to explain that SFC is trying to become self-funding, and over the last two years club volunteers have undertaken many repairs and redecoration activities at the club's expense; creating an additional burden on those volunteers. In the process the club has saved the parish council approximately £8,000 in additional costs, despite the cost of playing football locally having increased substantially. SFC want to introduce additional facilities at the Jubilee Field including longer bar opening hours and on-site storage of alcohol, all in order to develop the football club and to cope with the increasing costs of running the club and covering additional pitch maintenance costs. In order to make the Jubilee Field self-financing, SFC believes the Parish Council needs to encourage a Sports Club organisation, with greater on-site facilities in the Pavilion, thus creating greater revenue, hopefully enough to finance Jubilee Field.
- There was much discussion of the JFUG-Parish Council relationship, especially with no council representation tonight, apart from the parish clerk. It was agreed that David Gibbons would write to the chairman of the Parish Council requesting a meeting to discuss this relationship and how to improve it for the future.
- **Disabled ramp** – Sue Brayley reported that two quotes for the work have now been received and a third quote is awaited before putting the final proposal to the parish council meeting.

6. New Pavilion

- John Bailey advised that progress had stalled somewhat as the two cricket governing bodies had differing views on the requirements of the new pavilion. Until this is resolved the project cannot finalise the specification required.

7. MUGA

- David Gibbons reported that this will be an agenda item for this week's Amenities Working

Group meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- **Garden outside Pavilion** – it was pointed out that this is in need of some attention and the Tennis Club should organise this. Graham advised that the garden is not the Tennis Club's responsibility but that the club had kept it under control in the past. This request will be put to the Tennis Club committee who will almost certainly organise a working party.
- **Sway Fete refreshments** – Andrew Blackwell advised that a productive meeting had taken place the previous weekend between the senior football club, tennis club and Carnival committee representatives. Agreement had been reached on a way of working that would allow the SFC bar and the fete refreshments to run alongside each other, but on reflection SFC was now proposing to postpone their bar activities until later in the afternoon. Graham Levers asked for clarification of the Senior football club's booking of the pavilion and was advised that the club has a 52-week booking for Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- **Carnival Committee Liaison** – It was suggested that Carnival Committee should be invited to attend the JFUG meetings early in the New Year so that potential conflicts can be ironed out ahead of time.

Action : Graham to write to the Carnival Committee with suggested approach for next year.

- **Football stand vandalism** – Sue Brayley reported that the perpetrator had not done the reparation work promised, so this has been referred back to the police for further action.
- **New Forest Marathon** – Sue reported that this year the New Forest Marathon event will also include a 5K run on 13th September. She suggested that it would be a good opportunity for the clubs to raise their profiles around the village by entering a JFUG team.
- **JFUG Chairman** – David Gibbons advised that he will be standing down as JFUG chairman from the next meeting and the group will therefore need to elect a new chairman at that meeting. Sue asked whether the JFUG had any terms of reference. The answer was unclear so, as group secretary, Graham as asked to check out the original JFUG rules.

Action : Graham to check out original JFUG rules

9. Next Meeting

- The next meeting was arranged for Monday 17th August 2015 at 19:45 in the Jubilee Pavilion.

Actions List

Who	Topic	Action
Junior Football Club	Changing Rooms	<i>Junior Football to advise whether there is a specific requirement for additional girls' changing facilities.</i>
Graham Levers	Carnival Fête liaison	<i>Write to Carnival Committee with suggested approach for next year.</i>

Graham Levers	JFUG Terms of Reference	<i>Check out original JFUG rules.</i>
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Graham Levers

Distribution

Those present

Parish Clerk

15th August 2015

Parish councillors and noticeboard (via Clerk)