

**MINUTES OF JUBILEE FIELD USER GROUP MEETING**  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**19.45 at Jubilee Field Pavilion, Sway**

**Present:**

Ron Loveless (Sway Senior FC) - Chair	Graham Levers (Secretary to JFUG)
Mike Steadman (Sway Senior FC)	Mike Reynolds (SLTC)
David Gibbons (SLTC)	Chris Baughan (Sway Cricket Club) – part
David Edwards (Clerk to Sway PC)	Len Thomas (Councillor SPC)
Ted Fleat (Councillor SPC)	Malcolm Maidment (Sway Senior FC)

**Also attending:** Ian Gale (Trustee of former SSC), Andrew Elliott (R. Elliott Associates Ltd) (part)

**1. Apologies**

- John Bailey, Kevin Cripps, Richard Elliott. It was noted that there were no representatives present from either Sway Cricket Club or the Junior Football Club.
- The Chair welcomed Malcolm Maidment to the JFUG. Malcolm is the vice-chairman of Sway Senior Football Club and is replacing Andrew Blackwell as SFC representative.

**2. Minutes of last meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

- The Chair invited comments regarding the last minutes, there were none.

**3. Matters arising**

- The Chair suggested that any matters arising were covered by the agenda – agreed.

**4. Pavilion Redevelopment**

- The Chair asked Ian Gale to give the group an update, following the recent Parish Council meeting. Ian reported that he had made a presentation to the PC meeting outlining the current thinking and showing the latest plan from Richard Elliott Associates. The response from the council was “not overly enthusiastic”. However, it had been

agreed to take the current proposal to a public consultation meeting, which has yet to be arranged.

- Ian indicated that he is not optimistic about the project's future, but we need to wait and see. He highlighted that there are fundamental issues to be overcome, such as the Parish Council's control of the pavilion versus the charitable status needed to avoid excessive tax on the Social Club money. Ian commented that as far as the trustees are concerned there are two ends of the spectrum: either spend all of the social club sale proceeds or spend nothing – the trustees do not wish to fritter the money away on numerous small projects.
- David Gibbons suggested that the Parish Council were against spending the social club proceeds solely on sports facilities. Ian replied that the money may be used for anything “that benefits the village of Sway”.
- In light of the PC's lack of enthusiasm it was suggested that a 'Plan B' is necessary and ideally in time for the public consultation on the original proposal. Ian suggested that a plan of reduced size should aim to keep any redevelopment costs within the money available. He feels that charitable status for the body receiving the money and running the pavilion will still be necessary.
- Plan B needs key requirements from the clubs affected. As those primarily impacted by the redevelopment proposals. the tennis and senior football clubs to liaise with Ian Gale and Richard Elliott Associates.

## **5. Marshalling for New Forest Marathon**

- Mike Steadman reported that 13 volunteers had come forward from the senior football and tennis clubs, which was much appreciated.

## **6. Dog Fouling**

- The Chair brought up the subject of dog fouling at the Jubilee Field, and particularly the football pitches. This had been raised with the Parish Council on a number of occasions with the JFUG pushing for more action e.g. larger signs, introducing enforceable by-laws etc. but the problem persists, with one recent league match having to be delayed whilst dog mess was cleared from the pitch.
- Various comments were made about some dog owners being unaware of the 'no dogs' signs and some people just blatantly ignoring them and being rude when confronted.
- The Chair stressed that it is incumbent on all clubs' members at the Jubilee Fields to be vigilant and to tackle dog owners they see on site,

and to report them if possible. The councillors present were asked to press the PC for larger 'no dogs' signs as a minimum.

## **7. Alcohol Licensing**

- The Parish Clerk reported that a recent visit from the local Licensing Officer had highlighted the fact that the current alcohol license is quite restrictive, and also that one of the licensing conditions (regarding minors) is not being adhered to. The four clubs had been canvassed as to their requirement to increase the licensing hours and this was reported back to the Parish Council. This was met with a lukewarm response and the matter was simply 'noted'.
- Discussion clarified that it would not be possible to include the cricket pavilion in the same license as the main pavilion. The senior football club currently provide the suitably trained 'responsible person' to cover their licensed use of the facility. If the licensing hours were extended and any of the other clubs wished to take advantage of this they would need to have someone trained up and nominated as a 'responsible person'. Graham pointed out that the tennis club currently provide wine with their weekly tennis suppers but the Clerk felt that this was probably not a licensing issue as it was not open to everyone. He advised that extending the licensing hours did not mean that the hours had to be used to the full but it gave flexibility for any future one-off requirements, or more permanent changes.
- All agreed that the JFUG should request an extension of the licensing hours to cover seven evenings a week.

## **8. Club Reports**

### **Senior Football Club (Malcolm Maidment)**

- The first team has played four matches, won two, lost one and is currently fourth from top of their league. The team are playing away in the Hampshire League Cup next week.
- The Reserves team has not yet played; their first game is this week. The team has several new players this season so not sure how they will perform.
- The under-18 team's season also starts this weekend. Several members from last season have been lost to Brockenhurst so their chances are unclear.

### **Junior Football**

- No representative, and no report.

### **Tennis Club (Mike Reynolds)**

- The Club held its annual Finals Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This was well attended and a good day had by all. The summer league games have now finished and the Sway Men's team won their division. The Ladies team came third in their league and the Mixed team finished mid-table. For the first season a Ladies over-60s league had been organised. Sway had put out an over-60s team and finished fourth. The winter leagues matches have not yet started.

### **Cricket Club**

- There was no representative from the Cricket Club but Mike Steadman was able to report that the first team had again won their division. Due to the recent work carried out on their pavilion the club were hopeful that the team would now be promoted to Hants Div. 2 next season.

## **9. Parish Council Report**

- David Edwards (Clerk to the SPC) reported that the Finance Working Party had agreed there were sufficient reserves available to replace the JF tractor; discussions are under way to evaluate possible options. The Chair suggested that the firm currently maintaining the tractor would be a good source of information about available alternatives.
- Ian Gale said that he understood that the Parish Council now knew what the running costs for the Jubilee Field were. He suggested that it might be a good idea if the JFUG were told what this figure was.
- Chris Baughan (Sway Cricket Club) joined the meeting at this point, having been delayed.

## **10.AOB**

- No items were raised

## **11.Date of next meeting**

- The next meeting will be held at 19.45pm in the Jubilee Field Pavilion on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Tennis and Senior Football redevelopment sub-group representatives to arrange to meet and flesh out 'Plan B'.**

**Actions List**

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>
<b><i>Councillors</i></b>	<b><i>Dog Fouling</i></b>	Press council to install larger 'no dogs' notices.
<b><i>Parish Clerk</i></b>	<b><i>Alcohol Licensing</i></b>	Propose extension to licensing hours to PC.
<b><i>Senior Football Club and tennis club sub-group reps</i></b>	<b><i>Redevelopment Plan B</i></b>	Meet to agree minimum requirements.

**Graham Levers**

**Distribution**

*Those present*

*Parish Clerk*

*14<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

*Parish councillors and noticeboard (via Clerk)*