Agenda of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 3rd June 2013, 8.00pm School House
‘Civitas Vegeta et Strenua’

Committee: Cllrs. Richard Knight (Chairman); Doug Cracknell; Mary Evans; Jackie Howe; Charmian Marsh.
Attendees: Brenda Hambrook (Parish Clerk & RFO); Brian Thomas (GMS); Mike Richards (OAA); Roger Beasley (Allotment Agent).

1. Apologies received for absence:

2. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting 25.03.13

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting not on the agenda.

4. Allotments:
   4.1 Progress with the new Tenancy Agreement.
   4.2 Plot lettings, waiting list & neglected plots.
   4.3 The ownership of the trees on land alongside the river Darent has been established. Some trees have had branches trimmed and the ivy cut. What are the prospects of reducing height of trees?
   4.4 The boundary fence and gate to Mill Meadow now secured. Any other problems?

5. High Street Recreation Ground
   5.1 BT’s report.
   5.2 Grass Mowing
   5.3 OUFC To approve and recommend the Committee’s response to their requests for fencing around the floodlit pitch and the displaying of advertising & sponsors banners. (Draft reply attached)
   5.4 OUJFC (Junior Football) A Ladies’ football team has been created and are now members of the OSA. Removal of the now banned 5-a-side metal goal posts, near the Solar System?
   5.5 Play Area
   5.6 Cricket Club
   5.7 Tennis club Lease and rental offer. The land is in Public Ownership.
      1. Would grants be available considering the term remaining on the current lease?
      2. Is the Tennis Club willing to pay the offered rent of £250 per annum with £50 increments every second year for the next 13 years, the term outstanding on the current lease?
      3. Are the OLTC willing to take charge of the Public Courts on behalf of OPC and benefit from the revenue?
   5.8 Petanque Club
   5.9 Dogs & Dog Fouling
5.10 Other concerns

6. **OSA:** report of AGM held Wednesday 24th April 2013

7. **Chalk Pit:**
   Situation regarding garden waste & rubbish dumped by residents in Tudor Drive from their back gardens into the chalk pit.
   *(Services Committee are meeting at the site on Tuesday 4th June, 9.00am and will be making recommendations.)*

8. **Hale Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion:**
   8.1 To consider the Pavilion Risk Assessment and make recommendations.
   8.2 To agree a response to OUJFC's request for a formal lease for the Pavilion, which would then allow them the opportunity to apply for grants.
       The situation is very similar to the OUFC/FA grant for the Football Pavilion in the High St. Recreation Ground where no lease exists. *(See also 5.7 above re: Tennis Club)*
       Issuing a sub-lease may contravene the terms of the lease OPC has with SDC.
   8.3 To consider BT’s report regarding litter, dog fouling, and vehicle misuse on the recreation ground.
       *(Services Committee has organized a “Dog-Poo-Day” Wednesday 5th June, commencing 8.30am.)*
   8.4 Progress on fitting new Fire Doors
   8.5 Grass Cutting situation
   8.6 Progress report on QEII Playing Field, now that the 99-year SDC lease has been formalised.

9. **Youth Activities**
   9.1 SDC is providing a fully funded “Family Fun Day” on Thursday 15th August morning, at Hale Lane Recreation Ground.
   9.2 To consider the risk assessment provided by CXK – CAT’s and to make recommendations.

10. **Other Matters.**

    *Next scheduled meeting, Monday 22nd July 2013, 8.00pm at School House/Parish Office.*

    Dates of remaining Committee Meetings this year: Mondays, 23rd Sept., & 25th November