

EYDON SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm at The Royal Oak, Eydon

Present:

Barry McRoberts (Chair) Clint King
Sally Stretton (Fund Raising) Peter Keenan (co-opted member)
Angus Richards (Hon Secretary)

Action

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:
Bay Harper, John Grindlay and Mike Watson

2 Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved without amendment

3 Eydon Olympics de-brief

The Olympics made over £500 net of costs.

The change to an earlier date appeared not to have had a great impact, positive or negative.

It was noted that the winners' medals ran out during the afternoon and some winners had to make do with stickers.

There was a discussion about whether an entry fee should be charged but eventually it was agreed that the current system of paying per event worked fine.

4 Treasurer's post

Barry reported that he had discussed with John Grindlay the principle of him stepping down as treasurer. It was agreed that Angus would approach JG to understand whether he wished to step down now as Barry had found a replacement in Peter Keenan who was prepared to take on the role.

Subject to JG's confirmation, it was agreed that PK would be elected as treasurer and that the committee would record their gratitude for all that JG had done for the sports field.

Angus

5 John Grindlay's Tractor

John Grindlay's tractor has unfortunately seized as a result of damage to a water pipe. This raises an immediate issue about the current cutting of the outfield but discussion also broadened out to consider the future options for this if the Cricket Club becomes dormant

Broadly, the options discussed were:

- Hope that JG will be happy to continue to mow the field
- Seek to find someone else, e.g. Joe Stamper who may be prepared to cut the field
- Pay the Council or other contractor to mow the field
- Buy a tractor to pull the existing gang mower

Although no firm conclusion was reached, it was noted that the health of the cricket club had a bearing on the size of the maintenance burden that the committee would need to deal with.

6 Cricket nets

Barry reported that the Cricket Club had confirmed in principle that it was prepared to contribute to the replacement of the netting round the cricket nets. The cost of the materials would be likely to be around £200 and this should be done in time for next spring.

In the meantime the working party will mow/strim around the nest and spray the weeds.

Clint/Angus/Barry

7 Future Event

It was suggested that the sponsored walk in January could be broadened to include a 3 or 5 mile run although not all appeared keen to participate!

The date of 14th October was pencilled in for a quiz night at The Royal Oak. As last year, members are invited to e-mail Angus with their questions, suggested topics and contributors are:

- Popular culture – Tom
- History – Mike
- Sport – Barry
- London 2012 Olympics – Nikki
- Geography – Clint
- Quite Interesting (QI) – Angus

All

It was suggested that although a fireworks event may be

- too burdensome to put on, it might be possible to hold a Halloween party for children in the pavilion. Angus is to ask Helen Richards if she would be willing to help organise this. **Angus**
- 8 Pavillion
- The Cricket Club are still looking for the Sports Field Committee to take over the ownership, maintenance and management of the pavilion and have accepted that some repair work is needed to the roof as it now leaks. They estimate the cost of this to be £1,300 (labour & materials).
- Clint suggested that a 'self-help' option may be preferable and agreed to inspect the pavilion roof when there on Saturday. **Clint**
- 9 Cricket – The Royal Oak – vs – The Red Lion
- Barry reported that he has organised a cricket match between the pubs of Eydon and Culworth on Sunday 19th August – all welcome to attend **All**
- 10 Other Business
- 10.1 Grass around play area/MUGA
- It was noted that the grass around the play area had not been cut for some time and that Bay Harper may be looking to give up this job in the future.
- Clint suggested that he would be happy to take over the job and the possibility of buying a ride-on mower was discussed. Barry is to investigate this further **Clint**
Barry
- 10.2 Village Fete
- A debate has been initiated in the village by Bob Taylor about the future of the village fete and whether other organisations should join forces, with proceeds being split accordingly.
- After a discussion, it was concluded that the Eydon Olympics should remain separate from the fete but that the Sports Field Committee should make it clear that it is very happy to help in the organising and running of the fete in return for a share of the proceeds. **TBC**
- Date of next meeting
Wednesday 19th September 2012 at The Royal Oak at 7.30pm [bring quiz questions if not already e-mailed]

