

## EYDON SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30pm at The Royal Oak, Eydon

### Present:

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

### Action

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:  
Bay Harper, John Grindlay & Suzanne Smith

2 Minutes of the last meeting

These were not available

3 Eydon Village Fete

Barry and Angus reported that plans are coming on well for the fete this year which is to be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Sports Field.

Although Paul Broome is not available, Sir John and Lady Parsons have agreed to take charge of the food this year and will liaise with Nick Gordon who has done this in the past.

Sally Stretton confirmed that the Women's Institute will be involved with other activities and so will not be doing teas. This is to be done by Helen Richards but with some WI members making cakes.

4 Tree maintenance

The work to the two large oak trees has been done, in conjunction with other tree work in the village organised by the Parish Council and the committee has been presented with a bill for approximately £425 for this. It was agreed that this should be paid.

**Peter**

5 Eydon Olympics

Clint is to investigate the availability of a large marquee from Culworth Manor; the two ex-Goodman marquees will be available following the Beer & Bands event.

**Clint**

Clint will do the barbeque again, bringing plates, sauces etc.

**Clint**

Mike has sourced the wine and larger on sale or return;

**Mike**

- Clint has organised a barrel of beer at cost from the Red Lion. **Clint**
- Barry will speak to Steve Coy about borrowing the bar as in previous years. **Barry**
- The cups and saucers from the church will be used rather than those from the village hall.
- Andy Partridge will be asked to lend his PA system as in previous years.
- Barry will buy more medals for winners of each event; Suzanne will be asked to get more stickers for other finishers. **Barry  
Suzanne**
- Robin Brown has kindly agreed to be the MC again.
- Mike is to e-mail the flyers to Angus for printing and distributing to children at Culworth School. **Mike  
Angus**
- Barry will put up some boards at road junctions. **Barry**
- Eydon Ladies have kindly agreed to do teas and cakes; all contributions gratefully received.
- It was agreed that a pre-Olympics meeting should be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm at The Royal Oak to finalise the details of the event. **All**
- 6 Field Maintenance
- Clint has been doing great work mowing the grass on the western side of the field adjacent to the play area.
- Some strimming is needed before the Olympics around the outside of the field. **Mike/Clint/Barry**
- 7 Pavilion – update on improvement work
- The specification has been done and tenders received. Even the lowest tender was £13,000-£14,000+VAT more than the grant. The sub-committee has reverted to the lowest tenderer to explore what might be trimmed from the specification to match the budget.
- It is possible that some work originally planned to be within the specification could be done by working parties from the village.
- The expectation is still that the work will be completed by mid-August.

8 Any Other Business

Croquet

Eydon Ladies are planning a croquet evening in July and Angus has offered to lend them his croquet set and a copy of the rules

**Angus**

Nets

Some cricket players from Woodford Halse have recently made use of the nets and it was suggested that they might want:

- a. To use the field (for a fee)
- b. To play a friendly game against Eydon

Eydon Ladies/ECSF joint fundraiser

This will involve music from Maggie Burgess and the Dave Read Band on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Eydon Ladies will organise a ploughman's supper and ECSF will do the bar. Barry will see to the publicity for the event.

**Eydon Ladies  
ECSF  
Barry**

Invoices

Angus gave Peter receipted invoices from Bay Harper for last year's mowing and the roofing materials.

Co-Op Grant

It was reported that the Co-Op grant has re-opened and that this opportunity for further funding is to be explored

**Peter/Mike**

Boules

A quote has been received for £900 to create a Boules court. Bob Taylor has secured £100 from the Parish Council for this. There was a debate over the merits of this proposal and it was agreed to hold this in abeyance pending a report on the Committee's finances. Following the meeting this was circulated by Peter and the concerns over the committee's ability to fund this were allayed.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00pm at The Royal Oak

**All**