

MINUTES OF THE ASHURST RECREATION GROUND TRUST AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 8PM AT ASHURST VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Hammond - Chairman
Cllrs Russell, Knight and Jesse

In attendance: Elizabeth Leggo – The Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fischel, Hedley and Nicholson. Apologies also received from Janet Williams (Head Teacher of Ashurst Primary School), David Fischel (Chairman of Ashurst Cricket Club) and Richard Moules (Hon Treasurer of Partridge Green Football Club).

2. Declaration of Members Interest

None for this meeting.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 1st October 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. Football Club Matters

Richard Moules sent his apologies and submitted the following report:

The 2016/17 season is just underway and with the oldest youth team (U16's) 'coming of age' ; both the 1st XI and 2nd XI have a very youthful appearance. This can only bode well for the future of the football club. 2015/16 saw stability, 1st XI consolidating in Div 1 (now called the championship) and 2nd XI just missing out on promotion (by 2 points). Though the Winter wasn't exceptional weather-wise, the park (PG) still became water-logged towards the middle of November. With the quality / drainage of the Ashurst Rec, we (unlike a lot of clubs) continued with fixtures during the winter the home game on the 2nd January was the ONLY game in the whole of West Sussex. Over the summer, it was a pleasure to meet some of the committee members and good to agree a 3 year commitment for the continued use of the ground. Obviously sad to see Hazel leave, but look forward to working with Liz in the months / years to come. Apologies again I can't be at the meeting. Richard (Moules) Hon Treasurer - PGFC.

5. Primary School Matters

Janet Williams, Head Teacher of Ashurst Primary School was unable to attend but spoke to the Clerk and asked her to pass on thanks to the Trust for the use of the recreation ground. The school uses the ground every day when weather permits. It is used for sports day, games, athletics and cricket. It is also used for parents to get together. The children write about the recreation ground in their school work. Ashurst Primary School is very grateful for the continuing use of the recreation ground.

6. Cricket Club Matters

David Fischel was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the attached report.

7. Discuss the grass cutting contract for Ashurst Recreation Ground

The contract is due to be reviewed and it was decided to go out to tender for the contract. The Clerk was asked to get three quotes from different companies. A decision will be made at Ashurst Parish Council meeting on 5th January 2017. This will enable the council to make a decision about the grant that is paid to the Recreation Ground, as well as reviewing the rent charged for its use.

8. Accounts

The Chairman informed that the expenditure for 2015/16 year to date has been £1926.14 and the income was £2060. The current bank balance is £4683.06.

The Clerk was asked to put an item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting about reviewing how she is currently paid as Clerk to the Recreation Ground Trust.

9. Questions from the floor

None for this meeting.

10. Information Items

The Clerk was asked to put an item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting to decide whether the recreation ground AGM could be held in September each year on the same evening as a Council meeting.

11. Date of the next AGM

Thursday 5th October 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated

Ashurst Cricket Club

Report to Recreation Ground Trustees on 2016 Season

- We played 9 games in 2016, a reduction from the 11 we played in 2015, winning 5 and losing 4. Victories were over Wivelsfield (twice), Ditchling, Headliners and Abinger. Losses were to Henfield, Upper Beeding, Wineham and Twineham, and in our annual charity match against a Duffett XI.
- We suffered from a few last minute cancellations by opponents who had failed to raise a team. Our team composition of youth (16 and under) and age (mostly over 40) is mirrored by many of our opponents with the age group in between finding it increasingly difficult to commit.
- We appreciated generally good quality outfield grass cutting from the external contractor. Our present share of the cost of this, which largely determines our £1,300 annual rent, is steep for the cricket club, on top of normal running costs – particularly when looked at on a per game basis of say 10 games. The cost cannot realistically be recovered by match fees from players, which are set at £10 for adults and £5 for juniors.
- The cricket Pavilion was made available for the School on a number of occasions, and for the Dog Show.
- We are extremely grateful to Ashurst Parish Council and its councillors who repaired the Pavilion roof so that it is now watertight and for the works they undertook on the John Eaton hut.
- We would like to express our thanks to the trustees for the continued use of the ground, both home team and visitors alike greatly appreciate the pleasant and tranquil setting of the recreation ground.
- We look forward to further years of enjoyable cricket at Ashurst with additional local players and spectators always welcome.

David Fischel

Chairman

3 October 2016