

LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

**Minutes of Meeting
Monday, 7th September 2015,
19.00hrs at Longmead Pavilion.**

Present:

Ian McCulloch (Chair), Brendon Kingston, Nick Thompson, Neil Thompson, Karen Pinder, Paul Doble (rep; Hemyock Parish Council)

1) Apologies

Heather Stallard, David Major.

2) Minutes and matters arising

Minutes of the 29th June 2015 meeting (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.
No matters arising

3) Finance

DM had sent a written update of the current position with a suggested budget. (attached).
IMC to see P Prettejohn in person, following several unanswered telephone calls about the green Kubota tractor.

Senior football advised they had paid their £1500 contribution in advance to help meet costs of the heating installation.

BK asked that as there was only one senior football team for this year, would this mean a reduction in their annual contribution?

IMC said he would get more information from DM & report at the next meeting.

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IMC explained that there had been considerable input from himself & others of the senior football to ensure the pitches were cut & ready for the start of the season in August.
This had meant hiring TDBC groundcare to cut the pitches; to date the full cost was unknown, but there was no other option.

PD suggested we explore the feasibility of solar panels on the pavilion roof for free electric, with no cost to Longmead for the provision & installation by 'AN Other'.

4) Pavilion and Sports facilities

Our own Kubota had been fully serviced by MST& will be used to cut & collect the long grass prior to gangmowing: IMC said he was now trying to control who

cut the pitches & when, to ensure the grass was removed. PD had loaned a trailer to do this. This had reduced the waste accumulation risk on site.

LMG gangmowers were out of order: IMC said they could be repaired & Paul Doble offered help with the repair.

IMC stated the hot water for showers was working well, so it would be ready for use after matches.

Thanks were expressed to Roy Brooke for actioning repairs to the Play Area that had been brought to our notice.

Fensec & IMC had discussed the hole in the MUGA goal; Fensec had suggested a thicker mesh to minimize possible unauthorized access? - ongoing with Chair.

Various concerns were raised about the weed grass encroaching onto the perimeter path / trim trail. BK said the most cost effective would be to use weedkiller. LMG would need to ensure this was applied in accordance with current codes of practice. BK to liase with NT for action.

5) LEAP

NT circulated a copy of progress & queries for this project (attached). Weather & staffing (lack of volunteers) had delayed the progress he felt should have been achieved.

Our thanks to those student's from Somerset College, who had worked in this area with great enthusiasm supported by NT.

The signboard had been vandalized, with the Perspex cover beyond repair.
IMC to look at repairs or resiting.

6) AOB

There had been no progress to replace JM as secretary, but LMG would canvass for support from the Junior football parents (Committee to help as well if any candidates likely?) or we would need to advertise in the Parish Pump.

7) Date of next meeting.

Monday January 25th at 19.00hrs