



# Longmead Field

## Longmead Management Group

### Minutes of Meeting Monday 23rd September 2019

- Welcome and Apologies: Present:** Ian McCulloch (Chair), Karen Pinder, Andy Brooke, Tracy Leaman, Susie Bessant,  
**Apologies:** Julie Steed, Alex Vickery  
**In attendance:** Trish Slater, Alex Russell

Sadly David Major passed away shortly after the previous meeting. He will be very much missed. (see obituary below)

- Minutes of 10th June 2019 and matters arising:** Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
  - Alarm and fan - ongoing - **Action IMC**
  - Outside WC lock - completed
  - Disabled toilet and tiles - ongoing - **Action IMC**
  - Underfloor heating - ongoing - **Action IMC**
- Finance: Report:** Current account £2758.72, Deposit account £6032.30.  
**Expenditure:** £527.76 outstanding for window cleaning; cleaning, mower repairs and line paint.
- Pavilion and sports facilities:** Longmead cleaner, Kate Elsley, has given notice. IMC has met with Kate Amor. She is willing to start on 1st October 2019 at a rate of £10.00 per hour, time sheets to be completed. **Unanimously agreed.**

A request has been made for the key safe to be moved from the kitchen area to the meeting room, to avoid interruptions when the main hall is being used. **Action IMC.** The padlock codes to the MUGA and storage container have been updated for security. The lost mower wheel has been replaced at a cost of £180.00.

**Tennis Club** - The tennis club needs to be able to access the pavilion kitchen during matches. KP advised the tennis club to book both kitchen and social area for the time needed in advance. This will ensure there are no overlapping bookings for the social area. **Action Tennis Club**

To reduce key numbers, the tennis club asked to install a key safe inside the court. The code will be the same as their existing code. **Action Tennis Club.**

**Football Club** - To avoid losing footballs in the ditch the football club would like to install a net behind the goals at the Redwood end of the pitch. A 5m x 25m net will be

installed. IMC will supply the posts, the football club the labour. When not in use the net will be rolled up or removed. **Unanimously agreed.**

Dunkeswell will not be using the pitch this season. The football club asked if a 3rd party could use the kitchen area. IMC confirmed the club would have to hire the kitchen and then use as required.

5. **Longmead Environmental Area Project (LEAP):** The scarecrow competition was a resounding success. TS thanked those who helped. Greendays will hopefully be attending the site each month. LEAP/ TS will notify KP if they require the use of the pavilion. TS requested a key, enabling LEAP to post notices on the door windows. Bulb planting events are being held on Saturday 12th October 10am - noon and Sunday 13th October 2 - 4pm. The Oak tree will be moved before it gets too large.

6. **Any other business:** Parish Council to remove and renovate the bridge at Longmead. The Parish Council has been quoted £31,000 to renovate the path. AR detailed a new hoop swing for the play area. KP suggested a need for equipment that

can be used by lots of children at the same time. KP to email the PC. **Action KP**  
It was asked if Longmead was being used as a business address, as future club funding requests may be affected. IMC would contact the hirer, **Action: IMC**

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Date of next AGM:** Monday 8th June 2020

### **Obituary: David Major (Treasurer.) 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

David joined Longmead as Treasurer at our AGM in June 2009. He soon proved to be a great asset, guiding us to the stable financial platform LMG has today.

Initially, LMG had annual progress meetings with our main funder, the Football Foundation (FF) and David made it an early objective to satisfy their many questions concisely, building a relationship with them. However, he was no pushover and would resolutely fight our corner when he knew he was right and the FF 'didn't understand his point' !

It is down to David's determination and accurate returns that the FF have scored LMG at level 4 (of 5), having accepted our achievements. As a result, we now have telephone interviews, rather than face to face meetings.

David had terrific enthusiasm for helping the youth of Hemyock; encouraging the progress of basketball, our young footballers and maintaining our senior team at Longmead.

He will be greatly missed.

Ian McCulloch

