



Minutes

Football Foundation Liaison Meeting Between Ewhurst Parish Council & Football Clubs 22nd June 2015

Attendees: Ewhurst Parish Councillors, Ian Davis (Chairman) and Elaine Benson; Sam Trinder and James Freemantle Senior Football Club; Bruce Walker & Stuart Davies Junior Football Club; Jane Bromley, Clerk Ewhurst Parish Council.

Opening: Ian Davis introduced himself as the Councillor now with the Community Liaison portfolio on the Parish Council. Bruce Walker spoke concerning the reason for the meetings arising as a requirement from the Football Foundation who had been a source of funding for the Construction of the EYSC which provided the facilities for the site.

Minutes from meeting 2nd December 2014.

- a) The Charter Status for the Senior Club had not been obtained as they did not have a constitution for the Club. The Football Foundation had recommended but not insisted upon Charter Status for the Senior Club and therefore at this stage the Senior Club were not minded to form a Constitution as they could see no real benefit from having Charter Status.
- b) The Junior and Senior Club had met up earlier in the year to discuss pitch usage and would continue to meet in between the formal liaison meetings should the need arise.
- c) Clerk to again ask the Youth Club if they would be interested in coming along to any of the football sessions. **ACTION Clerk**

Use of EYSC Notice Board – The football clubs discussed material they could put up on the board which may be of use to the club and the community such as match dates and contact details for joining the club. **ACTION Football Clubs**

Monitoring and Evaluation Form –The form was updated from last year and the clerk was to input the details online and submit. **ACTION Clerk**

Any other matters arising

The Junior Club presented a report produced by a pitch maintenance consultant on a voluntary basis. The pitch was being used at full capacity and

because of such high usage was in need of further remedial work. There was a significant reduction in grass cover over the pitch. The report recommended further work over and above what was currently being provided under the budget agreed between the Football Clubs and Parish Council. The Consultant had indicated that he may be able to get some of the work done on a voluntary basis and this was to be investigated further. The recommendations in the report were to be looked at by the Junior Club and details of how the current maintenance specification could be improved were to be given to the Parish Council. The Parish Council (Ian Davis) and Sam Trinder and James Freemantle from the Senior Club, were to meet with the current Pitch Maintenance Contractor in early August to discuss the specification before it's renewal for the start of the new season (1st September).

Action Bruce Walker and Clerk.

In addition to the use of the main football pitch the Junior Club used an area at Hurtwood Polo Grounds for their younger teams. Due to the speculation as to the future of the Hurtwood Polo Grounds this left the club in some uncertainty as to the future for those younger teams.

Ian Davis identified two areas of concern for the Clubs:

The quality of the current pitch where it seemed that significant work was required even above that reported from the consultant as the area was poorly drained and looked like it would benefit greatly from land drains; in addition whilst an improved pitch could accommodate the older juniors and Senior Club a further training/match area was required for the younger teams.

Ian Davis thought that although this seemed ambitious due to funding issues, it may actually be a good time to identify these needs due to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. If the issues could be identified within the plan then any potential developments made possible through the plan would need to contribute to the community either through the current S106 contributions to infrastructure or the future CIL requirements (Community Investment levy).

Even without the plan there was a requirement for community investment from developers and WBC should be made aware of the local need .**ACTION Ian Davis**

Ian Davis also mentioned the metal work on the Eastern Boundary of the recreation area and the Football Clubs said that this would be removed as soon as new goal posts arrived and the older posts therefore would no longer be needed. **ACTION Football Clubs**

Date for next meeting- To be set for September and the date to be agreed nearer the time.