

# **Minutes of meeting of the Queen Camel Parish Council Playing Field Management Committee on Monday 8th January 2024 at the Memorial Hall, Queen Camel at 7.30pm**

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Present: Cllr Angus Davidson (AD), Cllr John Carnegie (JC), Ian Conway (IC) and Marina Jones (MJ)

- PFMC01** AD was confirmed as chairman of the meeting, IC the minute-taker
- PFMC02** Apologies were received from Marian Davies, Sue Gettings Cllr Phil Jones and Stewart Willes
- PFMC03** Declarations of Interest – None
- PFMC04** Minutes of the last meeting were approved, noting email from Cllr Phil Jones with action points
- PFMC05** Those present were in favour of becoming a PC Working Group, in principle. However, it was felt all members of the committee should be asked their opinion before making a recommendation to the Parish Council, therefore the matter will be raised at the next committee meeting.
- PFMC06** Update on operational matters
- 1/ Football – Stewart Willes asked via email if Ilchester Football Club could be asked to tidy up after matches as the pavilion is left full of grass and mud every weekend. Also, if parents of players could be asked not to park across driveways in The Glebe and Cleaveside Close as it is a major inconvenience
- 2/ Volunteers – No schedule has been drawn up, but the usual volunteers are available
- 3/ Winter maintenance – The pavilion is in good decorative order, nothing to report
- 4/ Equipment maintenance – AD has a quote for £500 to £700 to repair and renew the gang mowers from his usual contact in Somerton. JC offered to get a rival quote from Davenport and take the mowers there himself if the quote was acceptable. JC and AD to liaise.
- JC also suggested the gang mowers be covered with a tarpaulin at the bare minimum over the winter to stop them rusting as badly
- PFMC07** Risk Assessment – It was suggested either Phil Jones or Sue Gettings be approached as both have experience in this field
- PFMC08** Cricket Nets – Given the poor state of the existing cricket nets and their proximity to a live badger sett, the cricket club asked that the committee recommend to the Parish Council installing new nets to the south of the pavilion. The cricket club is applying for all the necessary funding to instal the new nets, which are vital if the village is to continue to offer youth cricket

**Queen Camel Cricket Club has entered five youth teams in local leagues this year including an under 13 girls team, and interest in joining is so strong there is now a waiting list for next season**

**It is hoped the Parish Council will approve the cricket club's request, following which the existing nets can be dismantled, the mats taken up and the area 'rewilded' so as not to disturb the sett**

**PFMC09 Other matters – None**

**PFMC10 Date of next meeting – It was proposed to hold the next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 5 February in the Marples Room, Memorial Hall, Queen Camel.**