

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 10 January 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present:

P Bidgood	R Manders
J Butler	A Muxlow
M Goddard - Chairman	D Saunders
G Hyde	P Turnbull
K Lee	

Apologies:

T Hollingdale
A Quelch

Absences: M Bowen

		ACTION
1.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting These were agreed	
2.	Matters Arising Mick reported that we have bought 40 chairs from the village hall for approx £3 each. Car Park - Mick updated the committee on the response of the Parish Council. They will not give the Club the £1,000 promised until we have paid the contractor and there are also 'conditions' attached to this which have not yet been explained. Consequently we will have to pay the VAT element which, in the past, the Parish Council have claimed back. The committee expressed its disappointment with the way the Parish Council had handled the matter and a corporate resignation was discussed. Peter proposed we pay the contractor as a matter of urgency and Dibby will liaise with Peter and get the cheque to Rosemary to send off with an apology for the lateness. Rosemary will also write a letter to the Parish Council informing them of the committee's concerns and agreeing that we need a meeting with them. Unfortunately, Peter will be on holiday until 18 February and, since he needs to be present, it will have to wait until he comes back. It was mentioned that there had been a private function the previous Sunday with several cars and parking space was adequate. Keith reported that Lea Sports are also happy with the new car park.	DS/PB RM
3.	Reports Treasurer - Peter handed out the accounts and explained them. He is slightly concerned as there has not been a bill from Powergen for some time and the meter has not been read either. He therefore proposed that once the Greene King loan is paid off in the very near future he will put the monthly payment of £150 in a separate account as a contingency fund.	PB

	<p>We have £10,000 in the business account and £2,800 in the Courts account.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John reported that £750 had been paid to Peter and there is another meeting soon to sort out membership. The section has plans for matches and leagues in the coming year.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the MUGA surface needs cleaning and a moss treatment applied at least once a year. This will cost in the region of £800 per year and we will need three quotes. John will arrange to get quotes and we could ask the Parish Council to contribute.</p> <p>Storage for the nets when out of season has also been brought up again by the section. They would like a wooden box for the storage but Gary felt a metal container would be better. This could be bolted onto the outside of the MUGA and he will look into it.</p> <p>Membership Report - None as Alf not present.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Keith said the goal posts on the smaller pitch need replacing and this will cost around £450 but could wait until September. The youth pitch goal posts could do with replacing also and Mick suggested trying to get a grant from Rands whose deadline is this Thursday. Peter suggested the Hertfordshire Youth Trust as well. Agreed we should fund the goal posts if the grant applications fail.</p> <p>Lea Sports are also thinking of trying to add some changing rooms on to the ones already there. They have been doing feasibility studies on this and its felt that if the changing facilities were better the footballers would stay to use the bar. Biffa may be worth approaching for a grant to help with this.</p> <p>Maintenance - Gary handed over 100 tokens to Dibby for the MUGA. Need to enquire if the new shop owners will stock them as well and Dibby will ask. Tennis Section will need to publish this information.</p> <p>There is a plumber and an electrician coming this week to sort out the socket which doesn't work. Gary asked if we can spend any money on lights.</p> <p>A temporary job has been done on the overflow but this will need to be replaced.</p> <p>The cable between the club house and the main changing rooms needs to be wound up and put away. It really needs to be in a trench or the overhead supports put back up.</p> <p>Dibby suggested getting rid of all leads to the ceiling lights if we are going to keep the original ones. Also the hinge on the swing door to the ladies toilets needs replacing.</p> <p>Bar - Dibby reported December was a good month. He would like to re-jig the bar rota to ensure 2 people are on every Sunday once a month.</p>	<p></p> <p>JB</p> <p>GH</p> <p></p> <p>DS</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Peter suggested getting rid of Sky which cost £65 per month and is very rarely used. Agreed to cancel it and Peter will do this.</p> <p>We need to know what the Social Committee are doing as this year's events need planning, especially Bonfire Night. Rosemary will get in touch with Joe Charlesworth.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to give Chris Saunders a Christmas bonus.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>PB</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, 15 February at 8.00pm</p> <p>Peter apologised for his absence from this meeting.</p>	

Chairman

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Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 14 March 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

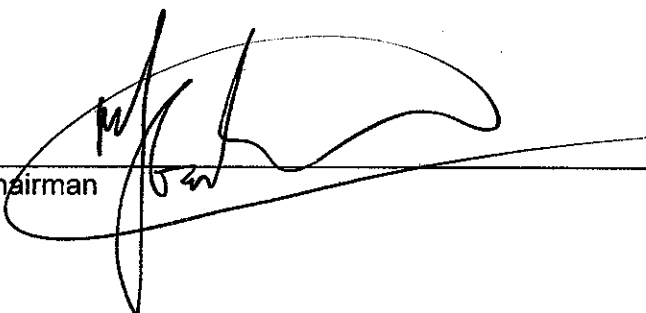
Present:	P Bidgood	K Lee
	J Butler	R Manders
	M Goddard - Chairman	A Muxlow
	G Hyde	D Saunders
Absences:	T Hollingdale	
	A Quelch	

		ACTION
1.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>These were agreed</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Mick reported that we have not had a bill from the Village Hall for the chairs as yet.</p> <p>Attendance at meetings was discussed. Apologies are very rarely received for non attendance and Rosemary will ring Ted and Alf to see if they still want to be on the committee since neither has attended a committee meeting for some time.</p> <p>Nothing has yet been done on Sky.</p> <p>Rosemary has heard nothing from Joe Charlesworth on the Bonfire Night arrangements. The PSA have expressed an interest in running it but we need to let them know whats happening before the end of the month. Rosemary will phone Joe again.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>
3.	<p>Car Park</p> <p>We have still not received the £1,000 cheque from the Parish Council.</p> <p>Mick has been given some suggested dates for the proposed meeting between the Parish Council and ourselves. Agreed on 11 April since its our next committee meeting and Rosemary will phone Jenny Smart, the Clerk, to arrange this.</p>	<p>RM</p>
4.	<p>Summer Fayre</p> <p>Toni Thomas from the Summer Fayre committee came to discuss what her committee would like us to do for the Summer Fayre on Saturday, 2 July. They will organise the day but would like the Club to organise the evening entertainment. They thought a disco – possibly with a 'School Disco' theme - starting around 7.00pm would be good. Agreed we would think about it and come back to her committee and Mick will check out the price of a disco. Toni said she would also contact Jackie Cumberland for possible names.</p>	<p>MG</p>

	Rosemary will let her know the date of the next meeting.	RM
	We need to know if we need a public entertainment licence and Gary will check on this. We can discuss this with the Parish Council at the meeting.	GH
5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Treasurer - Peter announced that he will be resigning as Treasurer after the AGM.</p> <p>Peter handed out the accounts and reported income over expenditure, however, Greene King's bills need to go out. He will have a word with the brewery about paying off the loan and we can then write to the guarantors to thank them.</p> <p>Mick reported that he has asked for the fruit machine to be taken away. However, the cabinet may be useful to keep.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John reported that he had a quote of £430 per year plus VAT from the person who looks after the Hitchin tennis courts. This really needs to be done this spring as the moss badly needs treating and, since we have had £750 from the Tennis Section so far, it was agreed we would pay for this. Proposed by Dibby and seconded by Gary.</p> <p>John will ask for a breakdown of the fee and will tell him we want him to do this.</p> <p>John brought some literature to the meeting on boxes for the storage of the nets when out of season. The cost of what they would like is in the region of £385 plus VAT. Gary will look for something cheaper now he knows what is needed.</p> <p>John said the section should be able to hand over some more money in April when the membership renewal is due.</p> <p>Graeme Low is willing to take on the booking of the courts.</p> <p>Membership Report - None as Alf not present.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Keith said they still need to get goal posts and he has still not had time to look into Rands Trust. There is a broken pitch marker which needs replacing at a cost of £250-£270 but this can wait until the end of the season. It was agreed that Lea Sports, the Cricket Club and the Sports and Social Club will pay a third each.</p> <p>The car parking posts need putting in as cars are driving on to the pitch as there are no barriers any more. The changing room window has been broken and needs replacing with toughened glass with wire through it. Gary will sort this out.</p> <p>There have been problems with the over use of the pitch again - possibly by the cubs who should have asked to use the pitch anyway. Also the Sunday 'kick about' crowd have been using the youth pitch without permission. They have been asked not to but have not co-operated so Mick will have a word with them.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>GH</p> <p>GH</p> <p>MG</p>

	<p>Maintenance - Gary reported that the fairy lights are now wired up properly. It would be good idea to get a grille for the kitchen window which would make the kitchen lighter. We also need to have a clear up after the football season so a skip will be necessary.</p> <p>Dibby mentioned we need a lock on the home team changing room annex as kids are getting in there and causing havoc.</p> <p>Bar - Dibby reported there were not as many parties as there used to be but still ticking over nicely.</p> <p>He is going to be increasing prices soon.</p> <p>Bookings - Not many at all in the next month but one for the end of May. The Over 60s are now coming down for their meetings since the Village Hall became too expensive for them.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Dibby reported that Friday nights are not going very well as kids are being allowed to run riot and the place is left in a mess. He felt it was only probably worth opening for football and cricket matches. Mick will mention it to the Friday night people.</p> <p>Welcome Evening - Wednesday, 13 April at 7.30pm. Agreed the Club will provide the first glass of wine free and then the bar will be open. Would be helpful if Alf can attend as to explain the membership.</p> <p>Subs - It was agreed that the Cricket Club subs need to be reviewed after the Football Club's were. Dibby agreed these should go up to approximately £300-£350 and will bring this up at their next meeting.</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>AQ</p> <p>DS</p>
5.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 11 April at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman



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Monday, 11 April 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present:

P Bidgood	R Manders
J Butler	A Quelch
M Goddard - Chairman	D Saunders
G Hyde	P Turnbull
K Lee	

Parish Council:

J Bhomick
O Lister - Chairman
R Hamilton-McLeod
J Smart - Clerk

Absences: T Hollingdale

Apologies: A Muxlow

ACTION

1.	<p>Parish Council Visit</p> <p>O Lister introduced the Parish Council members and summarised the problem as they see it. They are not happy with the fact that the Sports & Social Club committee went ahead with the car park work without presenting them with a proper plan of what was to be done. They are also not happy with the actual work itself and J Bhomick said he had spoken to Mick and agreed to sort it out and roller it.</p> <p>Peter put forward the Club's position pointing out that the Parish Council had done little or nothing about the condition of the car park and, although our improvement was not perfect, it was better than it had been. He also commented that the recreation ground is, in fact, owned by the Parish Council and its very easy to criticise when other people do the work. We also do not have the resources to do the car park to Highways standard anyway.</p> <p>O Lister said he thought we had agreed to spend a small amount of money to sort it out but, as far as we are concerned, that's not the case - we are happy with the car park, it is the Parish Council who are not. R Hamilton-McLeod asked how much the extra work would cost and Mick said that nothing had been agreed. She proposed that the works J Bhomick recommended should be done and this will amount to approximately £1,000. The Parish Council have not agreed how much could be put forward for the works or whether it could wait until next year. It was made clear that the Club certainly cannot afford to do anymore work but agreed that the markers for the pathway need to be put in and the gate to the play area re-sited.</p> <p>R Hamilton-McLeod asked if we would object if they want to do improvements. Agreed we wouldn't object but we can't afford to do any more work.</p>	
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Peter pointed out that both organisations are working toward the same goals, but its been strongly felt that the Parish Council have been over-critical of the work on the car park. It should be remembered that the Sports and Social Club is run by volunteers and, if the committee resigned en masse, the Parish Council would be totally responsible for the upkeep of the clubhouse and recreation ground. O Lister said he sees us as the management committee and the Parish Council as the owners.

R Hamilton-McLeod said one of the reasons for the meeting was to work more closely together and she promised to try to forge a better relationship. We need to get rid of the present problem and agree clearer guidelines for dealing with this type of work in the future. Mick pointed out that this problem has actually cost the Club approximately £200 more than it need have.

O Lister asked if we wanted to discuss the remedial works later or now. The committee think the car park is basically adequate and nothing is needed apart from the posts being put down and the fencing straightened.

The Parish Council require a designated pedestrian route to the play area for Health & Safety reasons and there needs to be a way out of it which does not exit onto the car park or the pitch. Possibly the pitch can be changed but Keith felt that wouldn't work as it would then be too small. The path only needs posts on one side and J Bhomick said that the work done did not correspond to the plan the Sports & Social Club had supplied. Mick agreed that the posts will be put in, the gate moved and Gary will provide another plan for the path and the gate which should open outwards from the play area.

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Peter asked why the car park work we did has been criticised so much but the surface on the other side provided by the Parish Council is in a worse state. J Bhomick said the problem was with the car park not being compacted down and, for an extra £300, it could have been. It was pointed out that the surface has stood up very well to the last 6 months wear and tear and the point was also made that the Club had still not received the £1,000 promised from the Parish Council.

Paul pointed out that the cess pit had been made safe when the car park surface was done and faulty electrical cables taken away. It had been intended to do another rolling once the winter was over. J Bhomick said the surface needed more fines and another rolling after that.

R Hamilton-McLeod said that the Club has similar rules and regulations to theirs covering major works and certain guidelines have to be followed, i. e. getting three quotes etc. John said the Club did not need the permission of the Parish Council to do any works, however, if we are asking for funds we do need permission according to O Lister.

	<p>R Hamilton-McLeod suggested giving the Club a copy of the Parish Council rules and regulations. Mick said we have a constitution for licensed premises so it wouldn't apply. She asked for a copy of our constitution and RM will check when Rod Hamilton-McLeod's updated version of June 2002 was approved.</p> <p>Mick mentioned the clubhouse costs a lot to maintain with lighting and heating etc and asked if the Parish Council would consider possibly building a new one.</p> <p>Agreed that any future projects will be done in consultation with the Parish Council. O Lister said we have to get their approval before we do anything in future. The impression given to the Parish Council was that the works would be done by a private contractor not on a voluntary basis and, consequently, the VAT would have been absorbed by them.</p> <p>Mick put forward the ideas he thought had been the reason for the meeting. We need another clubhouse but, at the very least, we need new changing facilities - Keith explained the situation on behalf of the footballers and mentioned that there are no female changing facilities. There is now a partitioned off area for the youth teams but its very basic and we need better facilities to encourage them. Mick would like to get the Parish Council involved in the ideas we have for the club.</p> <p>Peter felt we need to formulate something properly and present it to the Parish Council. They have a meeting in November for the following financial year so we should get something to them before then.</p> <p>The electrical cable needs to be buried to a proper depth and we need to find out who did the original work.</p> <p>O Lister agreed that the £1,000 will be paid over.</p> <p>The Parish Council representatives left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>PPC</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>These were agreed</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Rosemary has still to contact Joe Charlesworth on the Bonfire Night arrangements.</p>	RM
4.	<p>Use of Pitch by Unauthorised Team</p> <p>A letter was received from Steve Smith about the use of the pitch by the casual team who play on Sundays. This letter was circulated to the committee and Keith confirmed that he knew nothing about it.</p>	

	<p>There has since been a reply from Mike Dawson on behalf of the casual team and this was also circulated.</p> <p>The team are using Lea Sports equipment without consent, are not booking the pitch and are also not taking enough care of the pitch. They play in the same area until asked to move and are reluctant to do so anyway. Keith pointed out that if they had to hire a pitch somewhere else it would cost them in the region of £38.</p> <p>RM to draft a letter to Mike Dawson asking that the team affiliate to the Sports and Social Club and also inform Lea Sports when they want to play. The point must also be made that they would have to pay to hire a pitch anywhere else. Mick and Keith can then look over the draft and make any changes.</p>	RM
5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Treasurer - End of financial year shows reasonable income over expenditure of about £3,000. The last payment on the Greene King loan has been made. Peter intends to keep paying the £150 into a new account as a contingency fund.</p> <p>We're not using the club enough to get money back from Sky. Mick said he had tried to contact the fruit machine people to ask for a quote for the cabinet but had not had any success.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Keith said the changing room partitions had been put up. A line marker will be needed for next season.</p> <p>Tennis Section - Nothing to report</p> <p>Membership Report - Nothing to report</p> <p>Maintenance - Nothing to report</p> <p>Bar - Nothing to report</p> <p>Bookings - The Over 60s now hire the club regularly and the Youth Club have paid for the last quarter.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Nothing</p>	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 9 May at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman

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Monday, 9 May 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: P Bidgood R Manders
J Butler A Quelch
M Goddard - Chairman D Saunders
G Hyde

Apologies: K Lee
P Turnbull

Absences: A Muxlow

		ACTION
1.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes were agreed and signed.	
2.	Matters Arising Re the Summer Fayre disco licence, Mick reported that we don't need one unless theres more than 2 people playing live. Mick has booked the disco and we will pay for it up to £75. Cricket subs to be deferred until the club has a meeting. Gary will do the plan for Mick to take to the next Parish Council meeting as requested at the last meeting and Peter said he had received the £1,000 from them. The problem with the electric cable has been addressed.	c/f GH
3.	Welcome Evening Rosemary passed on the Welcome Evening Committee's thanks for the Club's efforts on the night. Unfortunately, it was so full that it had been decided to hold the next one in the Village Hall. Pauline Pearson needs the bill for the free glass of wine on the night and Dibby will let her know and Peter will organise the invoice.	DS/PB
4.	Reports Treasurer - Peter said that Greene King have confirmed that the loan has been re-paid. He will write a letter to the guarantors and email it to Rosemary to mail merge.	PB RM

	<p>Bar - Ticking over as usual.</p> <p>Bookings - One booking on 28 May for the Lakes. Mick and Paul may be able to help Dibby. Friday night seems to have stopped altogether Dibby reported</p> <p>Membership Report - Alf reported two new members from the Welcome Evening.</p> <p>Maintenance - Dibby handed over a list and said that the lighting in the ladies toilet needs improving. He also reported that Chris has again said we need to get a new cooker with a double oven. Rosemary will ring Neil Frost to see if he can advise where to get a cheap industrial type cooker.</p> <p>The outside light over the dust bins seems to be broken and needs an internal switch. The tap in the kitchen is dripping and the internal doors could do with re-painting.</p> <p>Gary asked about the benches and Dibby said we have had a grant from the local district council of £270 for 4 benches which would cost in the region of £400. The Parish Council have ordered 4 and we need to pay out approximately £150 with an extra £60 to get them put in.</p> <p>Gary will check out the fruit machine cabinet to see if the nets will go in it. Agreed to pay £100 for it.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John said that he was still trying to contact the chap to do the treatment of the courts. The membership now stands at 56 and they are chasing people to renew. One member, however, is not renewing as hes not happy with the state of the courts. They are left muddy from the footballers boots and also teenagers are vandalising them.</p> <p>Someone had asked about the insurance cover on the courts, i.e public liability. We need to check with the Parish Council to see if their insurance would cover it. It was felt that the Tennis Section probably needs their own insurance. Mick and Dibby will ask at the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Since Neil Frost used to deal with insurance for the club, he may also be worth contacting. Possibly we could claim for the vandalism.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Nothing as Keith not present</p>	<p>MG PT</p> <p>GH RM</p> <p>GH</p> <p>GH</p> <p>MG/DS</p>
5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The 'Pirton Casuals' want to know how much they owe and how much it costs to affiliate. Agreed this should be deferred to the next meeting when Keith can report on what Lea Sports have said.</p>	<p>c/f</p>

	<p>Mick reported we have purchased approximately £150 worth of cutlery – approved in retrospect.</p> <p>Agreed we should send a letter of condolence to Mick Lake's widow since he had been our handyman/cleaner for some time.</p>	RM
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 13 June at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
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Monday, 13 June 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: P Bidgood A Muxlow
J Butler D Saunders
M Goddard - Chairman A Sawyer
G Hyde S Smith
R Manders

Apologies: P Turnbull

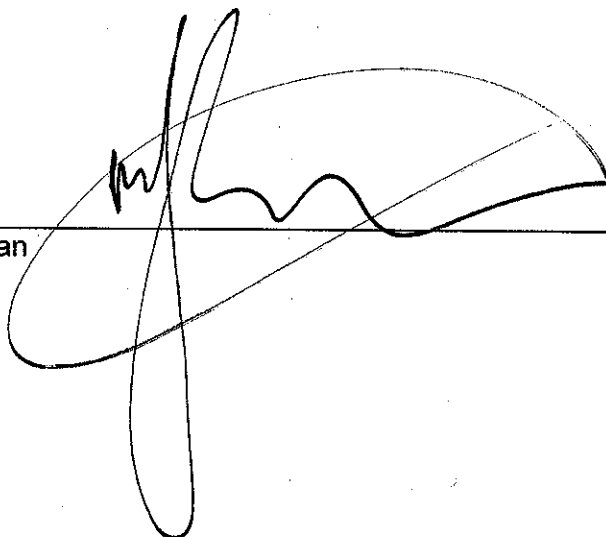
Absences: A Quelch

		ACTION
1.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p> <p>Mick welcomed Steve and Andy to the meeting in place of Keith Lee. Keith's past contribution has been very much appreciated and Rosemary will email him to thank him on the committee's behalf.</p>	RM
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Summer Fayre disco is booked and is costing £150. Mick will organise a raffle to cover the cost</p> <p>Cricket subs will go up to £300.</p> <p>Gary said the plan re the fence and gate has been done and passed to the Parish Council. We are just waiting for Paul to move the gate.</p> <p>The Welcome Evening bill has been given to Pauline Pearson.</p>	MG PT
3.	<p>Pirton Casuals</p> <p>We have had another letter from Mike Dawson. It was agreed that any games they have must be booked by consultation with Lea Sports and the fee is payable to Lea Sports. This will be £30 per game and Rosemary will write to them to this effect.</p> <p>The point was made that there are no full sized pitches at the moment and these will not be available until next season.</p>	RM
4.	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Adrian said they are looking to employ a Groundsman which will be paid for out of the Precept. Dibby has explained what is needed and they will get quotes.</p>	

5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Bar - Dibby will be putting the prices up.</p> <p>There is a booking coming up on 23 July and he needs two people for the bar. Also need volunteers for the Summer Fayre – all day.</p> <p>The new licensing laws require a new and very complicated form to be completed. A sub committee consisting of Dibby, Mick and Adrian will look into this.</p> <p>Treasurer - Peter is waiting to hear back from Alan Hartley.</p> <p>Membership Report - None as Alf not present.</p> <p>Maintenance - Gary not had chance to get much done. However, the benches have been bolted down. Hes getting quotes for the dripping tap.</p> <p>Rosemary will ring Neil Frost to see if he can advise where to get a cheap industrial type cooker.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Steve said there was not much to report apart from a 7-a-side youth team who may want to use the MUGA.</p> <p>There will be a working party on 19th to see what needs doing for a tidy up exercise.</p> <p>Dibby asked about the marker which we had agreed to purchase. Peter will talk to Keith Lee as we need one with wide wheels and there only seem to be narrow wheeled ones available. Mick will also look into this.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John said that they are concerned about the hole in the fence. Dibby suggested taking a photograph of the hole and getting quotes for how much it will be to repair.</p> <p>John asked again about whether they have insurance cover through the Parish Council. Rosemary will write to them to ask if we are covered under the Public Liability Policy for accidental damage covering all the sections of the Club.</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>DS/MG AM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>PB MG</p> <p>RM</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Bar staff are needed for the Summer Fayre. Rosemary will try and organise a rota for this.</p> <p>Mick will ring Toni Thomas to see what she wants to do re the parking and opening of the Clubhouse etc for the Fayre</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>MG</p>

7.	Date of Next Meeting Monday, 18 July at 8.00pm	
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Chairman

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Present:	J Butler	A Quelch
	M Goddard - Chairman	D Saunders
	R Manders	P Turner
	A Muxlow	
Apologies:	P Bidgood	
	G Hyde	
	S Smith	

		ACTION
1.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Summer Fayre went off well although, as before, there were not enough bar staff. Mick didn't have time to organise a raffle to pay for the disco but we made £2,415 on the day.</p> <p>Removal of the gate is in hand.</p> <p>The Welcome Evening bill has been paid.</p> <p>Pirton Casuals have paid £100 for the current year so are now 'official'. Alf said he will need a list of their names so he can issue membership cards. Mike Dawson will be asked to provide this.</p> <p>Parish Council are still trying to find a groundsman.</p> <p>Constitution - The hours need to be amended.</p> <p>Rosemary reported that Neil Frost will look into the possibility of obtaining a reasonably priced cooker. However, this will cost in the region of £1,000.</p> <p>Tap in kitchen still dripping. Need new taps altogether – Mick can provide these. Drain at the back door needs attention as it flooded in the recent heavy rain and made a mess of the carpet. We need to put in an insurance claim for this and Gary will complete the form.</p> <p>Rosemary reported that we had had a letter from Owain Lister in reply to the guarantors letter which went out recently. He was very complimentary and thanked the committee of the Club for all the hard work and effort involved in running the club and congratulated us for all that had been achieved. Rosemary had rung him personally to thank him for his good wishes.</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>MG</p>

3.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Bar - Dibby reported there were two major bookings which needed bar staff, Saturday, 23 July and a large party for approximately 300 people on 10 September. Alf said he could probably help on the September booking and Paul and Mick offered to help out on the 23rd July.</p> <p>Bar prices have been increased.</p> <p>Treasurer - Nothing as Peter not present.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John said the courts have now been treated and Graeme Low has received an invoice for £600 for the work. It was pointed out that originally we had agreed to spend up to £430 which John confirmed so we need a breakdown to see why it was more expensive.</p> <p>We have had a letter from the Parish Council re the insurance. The Tennis Section will need to get their own insurance cover. The Public Liability aspect was not particularly clear however.</p> <p>Maintenance - The hole in the fence still needs mending but Gary has this in hand and the Parish Council will foot the bill.</p> <p>Lea Sports - No report as Steve not present.</p>	AQ PT/MG
4.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Adrian said that Rosie Hamilton-McLeod had confirmed that she was willing to take on the Chairmanship of the club at some time in the future.</p> <p>Bonfire Night - Need to get in touch with Joe Charlesworth as a matter of urgency as we have heard nothing about the Bonfire Night and the school are keen to take it over if we don't want to organise it. Rosemary will ring him again and also drop a note through his door.</p>	
5.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 22 August 2005 at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

8 July 2005

Mr S Smith
The Old Post Office
6 Great Green
Pirton
Nr Hitchin

Dear Steve

Re: Pirton Sports and Social Club – Guarantors

You will remember some ten years ago, a group of like minded villagers decided to form a committee following the demise of Pirton Football Club. They took over the running of the Recreation Ground and Club facilities as, at that time, the Parish Council had little or no interest in maintaining the Recreation Ground and Pirton Sports and Social Club was formed.

The Clubhouse was in need of major refurbishment and all we had at the time was a lot of enthusiasm and no money. In order to fund those improvements the committee successfully applied to Greene King plc for a loan to enable refurbishment to take place on the proviso that the loan had to be guaranteed. You kindly agreed to be a Guarantor and signed the loan document.

During the past ten years, through your goodwill, the Committee has continued to operate the Pirton Sports & Social Club solely for the benefit of the village. Any profits made have been channelled back into improvements, repairs and maintenance and the Parish Council have been very receptive to our applications for grants and other assistance. We have seen major investment in a Multi Use Games Area providing two floodlit tennis courts and facilities for other games which has proved to be a great addition to the village. Unfortunately, other major developments planned had to be shelved when the Government shifted the Lottery Grant 'goal-posts'.

However, none of this could have been achieved had you not agreed, all those years ago, to be one of our Guarantors. Consequently it is with much pleasure we are now pleased to report that this loan has been fully re-paid to Greene King and that the Club is free of any further responsibility in this respect and is in a financially sound position.

On behalf of the Pirton Sports and Social Club Committee, its members and villagers, we thank you most sincerely.



Mrs R Manders - Secretary
For the Committee of Pirton Sports and Social Club

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 22 August 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present:

J Butler	A Quelch
P Bidgood	C Saunders
M Goddard - Chairman	D Saunders
R Manders	S Smith

Apologies:

G Hyde
A Muxlow
P Turner

		ACTION
	<p>Rod Hamilton-McLeod</p> <p>The funeral of Rod Hamilton-McLeod had taken place on Monday, 15 August 2005, and several committee member attended. Rod was a previous Chairman of the Club and had been the force behind achieving a considerable number of improvements to the clubhouse. He had also helped tremendously to finally get the MUGA in place and, when he retired from the Chairmanship, was greatly missed. He will be a sad loss not only to his family but to the village and the Sports and Social Club.</p>	
1.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Removal of the gate has now been completed.</p> <p>Neil Frost is still looking into the possibility of obtaining a reasonably priced cooker and had spoken to Chris about this.</p> <p>Pirton Casuals have paid £100.</p> <p>The opening hours stated in the Constitution need to be amended.</p> <p>Pitches are going to be done.</p> <p>The bar prices have been increased.</p> <p>We have received the breakdown of the bill for the treatment of the MUGA; £450 for cleaning, £25 for chemicals plus VAT. Agreed we should ask the Parish Council if they will pay the invoice in order to reclaim the VAT but the invoice will need to be made out to them. John said the Tennis Section had already paid this bill so we need to request a duplicate invoice. The Parish Council will need to be warned that this will happen on a yearly basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">c/f</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JB</p>

	The hole in the fence has not yet been attended to.	c/f
3.	Election of Deputy Chairman Steve was proposed as Deputy Chairman by Mick and seconded by Dibby. He was duly elected Deputy Chairman.	
4.	Bonfire Night According to Joe Charlesworth, Stuart Alexander is definitely organising the bonfire night to be held on Friday, 4 November, and preparations are well in hand. As far as we are aware, the school are doing the catering and the Club is running the bar. We do need Stuart to come to the next meeting so we can discuss the cost of the fireworks and what is actually being done. Rosemary will ring him and invite him to the next committee meeting.	RM
5.	Reports Tennis Section - John reported that they have got a team in the local league this year and didn't finish bottom. There is a social being organised for the end of September and membership is running at about the same as last year with income around £1,000. The storage unit for the nets is still needed as a matter of urgency. Lea Sports - Steve said they have taken on two new under 11s teams, one 11-a-side and one 7-a-side. The stand has been painted and some work has been done on the changing rooms. Need to check with Gary about the lights and the far door of the shed also needs attention. The under 11s expressed an interest in the MUGA for Friday nights, 6.00-8.00pm, probably in November. Treasurer - Peter said the accounts were with Alan Hartley and should be ready soon. We will then need to plan the AGM. We have £9,000 in the interest account, £33 in the current account and there are no bills outstanding. John asked how much was in the courts account and Peter reported there was approximately £2,800. Membership - Alf said he still needs the list of members from Mike Dawson. Rosemary will write to him. Maintenance - No report as Gary absent. However, the outside lights are not working front or back, the sliding doors need fixing and, generally, the whole place needs re-decorating again. Bar - Dibby wants to get another lager - agreed to get Fosters. He would also like to have cider on draught.	RM

	<p>The main cooling unit for the cellar has gone bust and will cost £1,600 to replace. Dibby will get quotes and sort this out. Steve mentioned that the Motte & Bailey are getting rid of a lot of equipment and will look into this.</p> <p>Bookings - We have three major functions coming up on 10, 15 September and Bonfire Night. Agreed we will have to pay bar staff since its proved impossible to find anyone willing to give up their Saturday nights to run the bar. We need to increase the hire cost to cover this but, since our hire charge is very low compared with the Village Hall we should still be competitive even with the increase. Agreed to pay bar staff £6 per hour and charge this on top of the hire cost. Anyone hiring the club can, if they wish, use their own bar staff but we will need to vet them.</p> <p>We also need to consider whether we offer a discount to members who hire the premises.</p>	DS SS
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Insurance Claim - We have claimed for the flood damage and have been told we need to get a CCTV survey of the drains which caused the problem. This will cost £250 and Gary is dealing with it, the Parish Council, as owners of the recreation ground, may be willing to pay for this.</p> <p>We need to increase the contents insurance which is our responsibility to £15,000. The carpet tiles need replacing and the drains need to be repaired before we do this. Rosemary will write to the insurers, Norwich Union, and ask for a quote.</p> <p>Mick reported that Steve Wood from the Summer Fayre committee had been in touch to ask how much money we would like from the proceeds of this year's event. Rosemary will write and ask him if they would contribute towards the cost of a box for the tennis nets.</p> <p>We are paying £70 per month for Sky and, after a discussion, it was agreed not to continue with this.</p> <p>Steve said that Lea Sports had bought a new line marker costing £276. It had previously been agreed to split the cost between the Club, Lea Sports and the Tennis Section so each will pay £90.</p> <p>Christine wants to give up as bookings secretary. After a discussion it was agreed the booking secretary should have an honorarium. Chris will consider this and decide whether to continue.</p>	RM RM MG
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 19 September 2005 at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 19 September 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: M Goddard - Chairman D Saunders
R Manders S Smith

S Alexander – Bonfire Committee

Apologies: P Bidgood John Butler A Muxlow

Absent: G Hyde A Quelch P Turner

		ACTION
1.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were agreed and signed.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Neil Frost is still looking into the possibility of obtaining a reasonably priced cooker with Chris Saunders help.</p> <p>We have received a letter from the Parish Council about the cleaning of the MUGA. They will pay for this but need to be informed in future. Dibby will speak to them as this is going to prove difficult.</p> <p>Further to their request to use the MUGA on Friday evenings, the Under-11s have asked for a reduction in the hire cost. Agreed we would not reduce the £10 per hour charge.</p> <p>Lights still need sorting out.</p> <p>Cooler Unit - This has been done and the bill which came to approximately £1,400 has been paid.</p> <p>The cctv survey is in hand. The Parish Council will pay as drains are the responsibility of the owners.</p> <p>The Cricket Club have paid their share of the marker bill but the Sports and Social Club have not.</p> <p>Agreed to give Chris Saunders an honorarium of £250 per annum payable at the end of next year. Rosemary to write to her in this respect.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>GH</p> <p>PB</p> <p>RM</p>
3.	<p>Bonfire Night</p> <p>Stuart Alexander reported that the Bonfire Night Committee have been in touch with Colin Searle, a firework expert, from whom we can buy the fireworks. If we spend £2,000 Mr Searle will transport</p>	

	<p>all the necessary stuff to the club, however, if we spend £1,500 he will only provide the fireworks. Agreed therefore to spend £2,000. Also agreed to leave the ticket pricing to the bonfire committee.</p> <p>Stuart and two others are being trained to use fireworks and will then have a licence enabling them to do this in future. He also reported that all the relevant authorities have been informed and they will ask St Johns Ambulance for a First Aider. An ambulance will be present at a cost of £80 - agreed this was necessary.</p> <p>Posters have been organised, the Comet will carry a free advert and the PSA will do the catering. We will organise the bar and there will be a beer or mulled wine tent. Shambles will play for free.</p> <p>Steve will ask if the footballers will help to clear up the following morning. Mick said that the marking out of the fireworks takes time and it gets dark very quickly. Will need tape and posts.</p> <p>Stuart will ask the Parish Council if they will contribute to the cost of insurance.</p> <p>Re the bonfire itself, there were issues as the grass takes a long time to recover. Various ideas were put forward about how to best organise this.</p> <p>Mick thanked Stuart for his input.</p> <p>Stuart said that he had been asked to sound the Club out on the possibility of a Christmas Ball. Agreed we would be interested and he will look into the costs.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SA</p> <p>SA</p>
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Bookings - Last event was a success. Theres another big party on 15 October with a marquee and they will need to be informed they have to pay for bar staff. Steve made the point that he would like to be informed the next time there is another marquee going up as he didn't know anything about it. There will be a football match that day which will be difficult to change, however, Dibby and Steve will liaise over this.</p> <p>The 19 November is booked for a party for Leanne Bradley.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Pirton Casuals owe £30 to Lea Sports, this can be deducted from Lea Sports first pitch fees instalment.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John not present.</p> <p>Treasurer - Peter not present.</p> <p>Membership - Alf not present.</p>	<p>DS/SS</p>

	Maintenance - Gary not present.	
6.	Any Other Business We need to increase the contents insurance which is our responsibility to £15,000. Rosemary has not yet had time to do this but we need to get a quote from the present insurers before we try elsewhere.	RM
7.	Date of Next Meeting Monday, 24 October 2005 at 8.00pm	

Chairman

P.S. Would any member of the committee who cannot attend the next meeting PLEASE let the Secretary know.

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 24 October 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: P Bidgood R Manders
J Butler C Saunders
R Cameron D Saunders
M Goddard - Chairman S Smith

Apologies: A Muxlow G Hyde P Turner

Absent: A Quelch

		ACTION
1.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes were agreed and signed.	
2.	Matters Arising Chris Saunders came to the meeting to report on how far the investigations into getting a new cooker had progressed. Steve said that the Under-11s request to use the MUGA on Friday evenings had not been followed up Outside lights still need fixing but the lights in the dressing rooms are fine. The cctv survey has been done and Mick has a video of the drain. The Parish Council have agreed to pay for this and they will also pay for the drain to be repaired. The Sports and Social Club have now paid their share of the marker bill. It was felt that clarification was needed over Chris Saunders' honorarium - this is for taking the bookings for the club. Bonfire Night - Helpers are needed on the night to run the bar and helpers need to be at the Club by 6.00pm.	
3.	AGM Peter had distributed the accounts to the committee members and they were approved by the committee. Alan Hartley was thanked for producing them, Dibby will get a bottle of something as a thank you. Unfortunately, we have missed the AGM this year as the accounts were not received. Consequently it was decided that since we have missed the deadline of 31 July we will not have an AGM this year.	

	Rosemary will write to the Parish Council informing them of this decision and enclosing a copy of the accounts.	RM
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Lea Sports - Steve said there was nothing to report. He mentioned that as a Health & Safety issue we will soon have to replace the goal posts with aluminium ones. These cost approximately £400.</p> <p>Bookings - Chris reported there had been a party the previous weekend and bar staff had been paid. There are two more parties booked and there will be one here on New Year's Day.</p> <p>The next event is the Bonfire Night and then a children's party on 18 November. The Prats are having a party on 19 November in memory of Rod Hamilton-McLeod.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John asked about the storage box again. Agreed since this item has not been resolved for such a long time that John will order the one the tennis section approved months ago.</p> <p>Treasurer - Richard Cameron asked why the insurance had been increased and Mick explained that we had discovered we were under-insured when the clubhouse was flooded because of the drain. He also mentioned that the increase has, in fact, only cost us a further £50.</p> <p>Peter formally handed over the treasurership to Richard Cameron and he was proposed as Treasurer by Mick and seconded by Steve. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Peter will remain as a committee member.</p> <p>Bar - Ticking over as usual according to Dibby.</p> <p>Membership - Alf not present.</p> <p>Maintenance - Gary not present.</p>	JB
5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Chris reported on exactly what we need to update the kitchen facilities. We need two domestic cookers, extractor fans, commercial dish washer, water softener, water heater and 3 work tops. She has had a quote for this of £4,103 + VAT and Peter warned that whatever we have has to be up to Health & Safety standards so we will need to ensure this is part of the quotes.</p> <p>The kitchen also needs a new window and we may have to have a double sink and a wash hand basin.</p>	

	<p>Carpet - Mick has been to Carpet Rite to check on the price of heavy duty carpet tiles and this will cost approximately £1,000. Need a dance floor and lino for the bar area and the place also needs painting before the new carpet is put down.</p> <p>Agreed we would try to do the kitchen then the painting and then the carpet.</p> <p>Agreed to ask the advice of the Parish Council re available grants.</p>	
6.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 21 November 2005 at 8.00pm</p>	

Chairman

P.S. Would any member of the committee who cannot attend the next meeting PLEASE let the Secretary know.

PIRTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Monday, 21 November 2005 at 8.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: P Bidgood C Saunders
M Goddard - Chairman D Saunders
G Hyde S Smith
R Manders

Apologies: J Butler

Absent: A Quelch
P Turnbull
R Cameron

		ACTION
1.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes were agreed and signed.	
2.	Matters Arising Steve said the Under-11s were sorted out and were using the MUGA. Outside lights still need fixing. Bonfire Night - This went off successfully.	
3.	Grants Mick reported that he had been to the Biffa meeting and we can apply for grants of up to £5,000. He has also written to the Parish Council explaining about the improvements we want to make to the building, starting with the kitchen and the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting confirm that £500 is coming to us. We need to form a small group to organise the grant applications for the improvements with a new pavilion being the main goal. Gary said we will need an architect. Steve is hopeful that Lea Sports will get some money from sponsorship organisations and they are aiming for Community Club Standard. Dibby and Chris have the information on the Biffa grants and Steve will talk to Ed Thompson re drawing up something for us and also Adrian Sawyer.	SS
4.	Improvements Chris Saunders had attended the meeting to report on the quotes received for the kitchen conversion.	

	<p>Neil Frost had quoted £4,821.97 but this did not cover the walls, ceiling, double sink unit or wash hand basin. The cooker he quoted for was domestic not the industrial one we need and we will definitely need the double sinks.</p> <p>Colin Hill had supplied two quotes one for £6,933 without the cookers or £7,721 + VAT including two industrial cookers. The quote includes all the work needed including plumbing and electrics etc.</p> <p>We obviously need to get the grant application into Biffa as quickly as possible before we can accept one of the quotes received. Agreed Chris will inform Colin and Neil that we are interested and ask if they will hold their prices until we have had time to consider both quotes.</p>	CS
5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Maintenance - Gary reported that he had handed over to Paul for a couple of months while his house is being extended. Unfortunately Paul has not been to the meetings.</p> <p>Chris reported that the sliding doors are being constantly broken and a vertical blind might be a better way of sectioning off the room. Dibby will look into this.</p> <p>The hole in the fencing is still outstanding and Gary was going to get a quote. He will pass this on to Paul. There is also a post needing attention in the play area and Paul also needs to let Derek Cook know where the electric cable is before he can drill for the posts.</p> <p>Treasurer - Richard Cameron was not present so Peter reported in his absence. The Bonfire Night was successful taking around £2,225 on entrance money and rope lights. The fireworks cost £2,000 so we actually only made £50, however, the bar takings were £1,800.</p> <p>Bar - Ticking over as usual according to Dibby.</p> <p>Bookings - Chris reported no major bookings for the next few weeks. There is a Christmas Party booked for 17 December.</p> <p>Lea Sports - Steve said there was nothing to report.</p> <p>Tennis Section - John not present.</p> <p>Membership - Alf not present.</p>	DS GH/PT
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Chris said that the pool table is being wrecked by the Youth Club. We need to write a letter to the Youth Club leaders pointing this out.</p>	RM

	Chris also mentioned that the hoover had broken and has been replaced with a more heavy duty one at a cost of £122.50.	
6.	Date of Next Meeting Monday, 16 January 2006 at 8.00pm	

Chairman

P.S. Would any member of the committee who cannot attend the next meeting PLEASE let the Secretary know.