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Minutes of Meeting held at Rolleston Cricket Club on Thursday 20 July 2023.

Present: George Fargher, Emma Varnam, Karen Wright, Cllr Philip Hudson, Councillor Bev Ashcroft, Jean Hiatt, John Plant, Bob Johnston.

Apologies: Kathy Bailey, Brian Lowe, Sue Nickson.

Minutes:

Proposed by: Councillor Phil Hudson
Seconded by: Councillor Bev Ashcroft.
Minutes approved.

Matters Arising

Rolleston FC: Still awaiting finances before submitting. Will process it if the application comes in.

Burton Wheelchair Rugby: BA reported that they have been setting up funding streams and players are approaching charities that have supported them. KW suggested [Home :: Matt Hampson Foundation](#)

We paid a visit with the giant cheque to Wootton Croquet Club who made us most welcome.

EV reported that there was no further progress on the Sports Awards

KW reported that she had been on a Teams call with Daniel Langford and he hopes to attend a future meeting.

Correspondence

The Council have nominated 3 Councillors: Phil Hudson continues. The new ones are: Councillor Paul Walker and Councillor Thomas Hadley
BA will clarify her position but expressed a wish to continue.
Action: KW to send details of meetings etc. to them.

Treasurer's Report

GF reported that the £8400 was now in the account.

£1000 had been paid out to Burton RFC leaving a balance of £8551.56 in the account. There are no outstanding monies to be paid out.

Grant Aid

Barton Rugby Football Club

BA and GF declared an interest and did not vote.

Jon Leeson the chair attended the meeting.

PH asked who was their preferred supplier: JL wanted to buy Rhino as Ram do not last as long – the pads rip.

JH asked where the equipment will be stored: There is a locked container at Holland Park with CCTV on it.

JP asked about the DBS Policy: Any volunteer or coach who has direct contact with children or the Captains, Vice Captains and First Aiders if there is a U17 in an adult team.

It was agreed to award £980.

Ellastone Bowls Club

JP declared an interest and did not vote as he lived in the village. He commented that there were 12 rabbits on the green. The club has been recovering from Covid and an aging membership. It was a valued village asset.

Louise (Chair) and John (Secretary) attended the meeting.

KW apologized for the short notice to attend and thanked them for understanding.

BA asked how the solar panel worked: John: It charges the batteries

JH asked about whether they had any plans to attract children to the sport? Members brought along children and grandchildren to play and they were contemplating inviting a school to take part. 18 months ago there were only 3 members and they were contemplating closing. They have worked hard to recruit new members to the club. In 2019 the green was burnt by the sun, then lockdown and now they face the problem of rabbits. Rabbit fencing seems to work. Their preferred quote is the cheapest from a supplier in the village who has given them a guarantee that it will work. They have also given the longest guarantee for the equipment.

It was agreed to award £300.

Everyone Active Report

Playday: 2 August. Its bigger and better than last year.

HAF: 40 children per day for 4 days for the next 5 weeks. There's only 22 places left and there's waiting lists on some days. Summerhouse Bakery provide the food and meet dietary requirements. Capacity has increased over the years and young coaches with Sports Leaders Award are invited to support.

Well being on Fridays once a month. This started as a cycling group social but has since expanded to walking groups and other activities. They get together over coffee and a chat.

Feel good Friday – working with Social prescribers
New fitness class for people with Dementia, Parkinsons and people with other neurological conditions. EA taking over from the NHS.

Any Other Business

BJ reported that Carver Rd Bowls Club have invited the Sports Council down to present the cheque on any Tuesday afternoon c2pm on. GF will go along.

PH said that there is a young lady who is representing the country in Taekwondo, and had explained that we couldn't support as personal travel.

8. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Burton Rugby Club (Tatenhill) at 7.30pm on 21 September 2023.