



MBSC Committee Meeting 11th January 2016

Held at "The Gate Hangs Well", Carlton at 19.30

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon – DG
Mick Stokes – MS
John Denore – JD
Steve Robinson – SR

Apologies: Stella Bridle & Matt Watson

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct following minor amendment, with any matters arising being covered later in this meeting.

2. Club News Updates

Football Club

JD reported continuing good progress for the season, despite recent cancellations due to extremely wet weather conditions – with a resultant backlog of games. JD also advised the sad departure of Paul Carter-Ford from the Football Club due to family circumstances. There was a Football Club meeting being held after this Sports Club meeting to discuss the significant impact of Paul's loss to both clubs. DG offered to collect various club-related items from Paul's home and JD was hoping to take over responsibility for the Football Club website once the necessary details were available.

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The Triathlon Club was still in Winter recess, with their AGM being held this month. SR reported a generally good relationship with the Water Park despite the loss of swimming revenue last year. MS agreed to investigate Just Giving website fund-raising options for SR's participation in a cross-Channel relay swim on 20th July 2016.

Cricket Club

Although unable to attend this meeting, MW had provided the Cricket Club's 2016 fixture list – with their first home game on Saturday April 23rd. The new Clubhouse project should hopefully be fully completed by then although some of the outfield areas may still be rather uneven.

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There was also a home game against Twycross scheduled for Saturday 2nd July – which could clash with the proposed Bosworth Festival Concert event that evening. Available options would be discussed with MW in due course, and BS would confirm arrangements for transfer of the Oliver Walle trust fund monies to the Sports Club, subject to acceptance of the commemorative award and/or honours board proposals.

3. Finance

Taking account of the latest Bedaro cheque for £75k signed this evening, DG advised the current status of Sports Club funds as £9,750 in the main account and £15.5k in the Clubhouse account – i.e. sufficient to meet the Sports Club apportionment of the next anticipated Bedaro invoice. Hence there was a current anticipated shortfall of around £13.5k (including costs for the new septic tank now on site) – plus £6k for the security fencing. A primary cause of this shortfall was a substantial overspend of £8k-£9k on foundations but various options for addressing the shortfall were put forward and would be implemented as and when required. DG would shortly be applying for last year's Sports Club Gift Aid contribution – around £400.

4. Clubhouse Project

Bedaro were continuing to make good progress with the Clubhouse build despite the recent very wet weather – with resultant ground and working conditions poor. Roof trusses had to be put in place by hand (as it was too windy for the hired crane!) and it was unfortunately not possible to achieve a totally water-tight structure before the festive break – hence some work was now behind schedule as floor screeds had not yet dried out fully.

Regular discussions with Bedaro were being held to confirm all-inclusive items (e.g. benches and hooks) whilst maintaining the original maximum budget for the project. Flooring materials/colours had been selected and electricians were now on site, whilst the roof was currently being tiled. The servery timberwork was now being prepared and likewise the white goods from Marks Electrical.

BS was currently pursuing bar/licensing options for the new facility, whilst SB was making enquiries about likely increased insurance costs; (DG having just paid this year's premium for the 'old' Sports Club facilities).

5. Groundwork

Recent exceptional rainfall had caused problems for both the builders and Football Club fixtures. BS and RM had met with Toby and Nigel Riley to discuss ditch clearance between the respective fields and along the roadside – unfortunately with little progress at present. However, it was pleasing to note that the sports ground drainage was still working well, albeit with restricted flow. JD had also identified some potential for moving the heavily utilised main football pitch through 90 degrees at the roadside end of the ground.

RM had also spoken to Ben Trivett regarding ongoing footpath proposals, only to discover plans for a bus stop on the 'triangle' and a seemingly strange footpath route in the original suggestions – possibly the reason for delay in release of funding or any action to date. General consensus of all local parties was for a pathway (and associated bus stop?) along the sports ground/Riley's field edge of Wellsborough Road, rather than the original proposals.

BS reported that the decent blue storage container had unfortunately been damaged by vandals attempting to break into it and, although nothing was stolen, it would need replacing – potential use of the old pavilion for storage or alternatives would be discussed further in due course.

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MS advised that the recently donated tree spirals had now been received – for potential future use in sports ground improvement schemes.

6. Fund Raising

Notwithstanding the previously discussed and established measures for Clubhouse project funding (including trustee loans), the Sports Club would ideally target professional companies/contacts for donations/sponsorship up to £20k – i.e. ‘someone to finish the job’ – with formal recognition of their generosity at the clubhouse/ground.

Another fund-raising Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper was being proposed for February whilst the Football Club were presently running an F.A. Cup Envelopes fund-raising scheme.

Current potential grant award applications were discussed, with the Parish & Community Initiative Fund (PCIF) and the England & Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) applications being recommended, but not for the current North Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Leader Programme. DG had also received information on suggested funding resources from Fields-In-Trust – MS agreed to review.

7. A.O.B.

An appropriate ‘Launch Event’ for the new Clubhouse was discussed, with a proposed date of 14th May 2016 (to avoid the F.A. Cup Final, late Spring Bank Holiday, and other major sporting events in the summer). JD suggested a separate committee to co-ordinate the event and it was hoped to attract a local high-profile sports personality to officially open the new facilities.

Proposed date of the next meeting – Monday 1st February 2016

The meeting closed at 21:00

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