

Wantsum Sports Association

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting 23rd September 2009

Present: Roger Silk, Darren Couzins, James Wells, Steven Miller, Arnie Van Orsouw, Nick Gurr, Eddie McManus, Val McManus, Steve McManus, Jean White, Graham Jackson, Libby Spackman, Terry Maguire, Annette Paul, Councillor Bernard Clayson and Arthur King (Parish Clerk)

09-10/1 The new committee

Introduced themselves and entered details of names, addresses, telephone and email details for future communications on a list (attached for information).
Councillor Clayson said that the Parish Council representative will be appointed at its next meeting

09-10/2 Election of Officers

Officers of the committee were elected:-
Chairman: Eddy McManus
Vice Chairman: James Wells
Treasurer: Mrs Jean White
Secretary: Mrs Val McManus

09-10/3 A new Constitution

Was agreed and is attached to these minutes.

09-10/4 Calendar of Meetings

The committee decided to meet quarterly on the first Wednesday of the month. As the Association had much to discuss it was agreed to hold an additional meeting in November this year. The calendar is as follows:-

4th November 2009
2nd December 2009
3rd March 2010
2 June 2010
1 September 2010

The AGM will be held in October with a date to be agreed by the committee.

09-10/5 Finances and Assets

The final accounts for the old Association are currently being prepared and audited (the year end is 31st August). Once completed the accounts, cheque books etc will be passed over to the new Treasurer to alter bank mandates etc.

The current bank balances are £3,053.55 which the committee noted may be required to refurbish the cricket square or pavilion internals depending on the result of grant applications.

The current list of fees and charges is attached and will be reviewed as the Association puts together a budget for 2009/10 (September – August)

A list of assets held in the pavilion garage and store is attached.

The Bar License will be reviewed for the next meeting.

To reduce the business rates charge for the pavilion the options of charitable status or registering with the Inland Revenue's CASC (Community Amateur Sports Clubs) scheme will be discussed at the next meeting.

09-10/6 Current projects and progress with Funding Applications

The Committee were given an update on applications to the KCC Small Capital Projects Fund (£7,500) for roof repairs and internal and external refurbishments and to the Colyer Ferguson Trust (£15,000) to refurbish the cricket square and purchase cricket equipment. Results of the applications will be known on 13th October and 24th October respectively.

Members of the committee agreed they would canvass the village to get signatures supporting the new WSA's plans to support the grants claims and to publicise the improvements at Bell Meadow.

James Wells mentioned that the Football Foundation will support works to improve football facilities and this will be investigated at future committee meetings

Other projects include tree felling and cutting back all the overgrowth surrounding the recreation ground; repairs to the fence surrounding the tennis court and repairs; and wood treatment to playground equipment and shelter.

09-10/7 Caretaking and key holder duties

The Committee agreed that Bob Parsons would continue as caretaker and key holder. The duties of the post to be reviewed later in the year. Annette Paul raised the question of the tennis courts and whether they should be locked or unlocked and whether a booking system was required. The matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

09-10/8 Voluntary roles of committee members and supporters

The committee discussed the white lining of football pitches. James Wells offered to try it with training from Tom Wood or Rob Parsons. If not possible a quote will be obtained to pay for the work. The cricket club are happy to line the boundary themselves. Other support including manning the bar will be discussed at future meetings.

The committee asked that a letter of thanks be sent to both Rob Parsons and Tom Wood for their hard work marking out lines in readiness for this coming football season and to Rob Parsons for the dedicated service he has given to the Wantsum Sports Association over many years.

The cricket club and football teams will get together to ensure there is no conflict of matches at the start and end of seasons of both sports and talk to their respective fixture organisations.

09-10/9 Future events

Several fund raising ideas were discussed and included:- a launch social event when the pavilion refurbishment is completed (probably after Christmas) a wine and wisdom was mentioned; boot fairs; village fete; caravan club rallies (Graham Jackson will talk to organisers); 5 a-side football competition (James Wells will take on); youth football session with Bob Boulder (ex Charlton) for village children; 6-a-side cricket competition (Roger Silk will

take on); a BIG EVENT in the meadow for the Open Gardens weekend in 2011 - will take a lot of organising but ideas included a charity cricket match, firework display, B-B-Q, stalls and children's rides etc. perhaps sharing profits (not bar) with the Church as there may be a conflict of activities with those organised by the Open Gardens Committee (Annette Paul will take to the Open Gardens organising committee to see what they think); children's activities linked to the school including orienteering, fun days and fun runs etc (Annette Paul as Chair of Governors will raise with the Head Teacher).

Graham Jackson produced a list of ideas which he will bring to the next meeting

09-10/10 Other Business

Graham Jackson had checked the availability of web site addresses and it was agreed that he would register www.wantsumsports.org.uk and www.wantsumsports.co.uk domain names to advertise events and fixtures. These sites will be linked to the parish council web site and vice versa.

The Chairman and committee thanked the Parish Council for its efforts in helping to facilitate the new Association.

09-10/11 Date of Next meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2009

WANTSUM SPORTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

- 1 . PURPOSE: The management of the sports facilities at Bell Meadow, St. Nicholas at Wade, subject to agreement with St. Nicholas at Wade and Sarre Parish Council as to the extent of its responsibilities.
- 2 MEMBERSHIP: Committee membership will be limited to a maximum 16 comprising eight representatives from the affiliated sports organisations and eight resident representatives from the villages of St Nicholas and Sarre.
- 3 THE ACCOUNTING YEAR: shall be 1st September – 31st August each year.
- 4 PAYMENTS: all cheques will require two signatures from any of the four officers of the committee.
- 5 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS: The Association will appoint an independent external auditor.
- 6 THE COMMITTEE: Each affiliated organisation shall have two members, each with one vote. The resident representatives on the committee shall have one vote each and the Parish Council representative shall have one vote. In the event of an equality in voting the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Voting will be by show of hands present at the meeting only and proxy votes shall not be allowed. A quorum shall consist of five persons with voting rights.
- 7 THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer to be elected at the Annual General Meeting from members of the committee or such other persons as the committee thinks fit. The committee may co-opt a person at any time to fill a vacancy.
- 8 THE COMMITTEE shall meet each quarter with an Annual General Meeting to be held in October each year The time and date to be arranged by the committee. At the discretion of the Chairman, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called at any time.
- 9 Non members may be invited to the committee meetings. Non members may attend the Association's AGM without an invitation. Non members have no voting rights.
- 10 THE PAVILION AT BELL MEADOW, including the bar and kitchen facilities, shall be available for the use of the members and guests of affiliated organisations, subject to control by the Committee. The Committee may hire out the Pavilion, with or without the bar and kitchen facilities, for private functions.

Approved at the Meeting 23rd September 2009

Current Affiliation and Pitch Fees

1. Affiliation Fee

- Clubs/organisation must become an affiliated member of Wantsum Sports Association.
- The affiliation fee is currently £30 payable annually by the end of September each year by the football teams, and by the end of April each year by the cricket team.

2. Pitch Fees

- Senior football teams
 - > Pitch fees are charged by the season.
 - > Currently £390. Payable in 6 monthly instalments of £65 in the months of October to March inclusive.
- Junior football club
 - > Pitch fees are charged by the season.
 - > Currently £90. Payable in 6 monthly instalments of £15 in the months of October to March.
- Cricket Team
 - > Pitch fees are charged per match.
 - > Currently £35 per match.
- School Cricket Matches
 - > Pitch fees are charged per match.
 - > Currently £15 per match. The school is invoiced after the last game.