

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Seavington Playing Fields Association held on Monday 17th September 2018 at the Millennium Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

Present: Chris Gough, David Bennett, Annie Prichard, Michael Harrison

Nick Church, Sally Gough, Marion Bennett, Karen Day, Lis Tope, Nick Loxton, Jo Culham, Ian Gibson, Terry Gibson.

Apologies: Jenny & David Froome, Laura Gowers, Jackie Priddle, Charo Ritchie

The chairman, Chris Gough, welcomed those present to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting and Open Meeting: The minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were approved by those present.

Matters Arising: None.

Chairman's Report: Chris Gough presented the chairman's report to the Annual General Meeting.

Chris Gough said that the main achievement of the association during the past year was the new overflow carpark which is being well used. The new projector screen has been installed in the main hall, and Chris Gough thanked the Gardening Club and RSPB group for their contributions. The cooker has been replaced in the kitchen. Chris Gough said that the under-5 play area which was behind the hall has been moved. This area will become a garden for the hall, and the patio will be extended to make the garden more useable.

Chris Gough reported that to achieve the work that has been, and is due to be done, grant money has been applied for and obtained. This has included £2000 from Tesco in Ilminster under their Bags of Help scheme, and the residue from the Path grant scheme from South Somerset District Council.

During the last football season, two teams were using the pitch. Only one team will be using the pitch this season, along with Crewkerne Rangers youth team who will be using it for training. Chris Gough said that the goal posts needed to be replaced and that this was in progress via grant applications.

There has been some work done on the trees and hedges around the playing field during the past year, and additional work is to be done shortly. One of the Millennium Oaks at the top of the playing field has become diseased and Karen Day has been in contact with the Royal Horticultural Society to determine what is wrong with the tree. Once this has been determined, a plan of action is to be drawn up, and Chris Gough will inform the village via the Seavingtons' News.

Chris Gough said that the long-term project to renovate the play area was still ongoing, and that this is to take place over the next 5 years. These renovations will require grant funding and will also use the Section 106 monies from the Lift-West Development. The design of the play area is being done through South Somerset District Council. Chris Gough also informed the meeting that the upgrading of the Kitchen facilities is being put on hold for the time being.

Chris Gough thanked Karen Day and Jo Culham for their work on the overflow carpark and under-5's play area, as well as sourcing and obtaining grants.

Chris Gough thanked David Bennett for being treasurer, Michael Harrison for the minutes, Laura Gowers as Booking Clerk, Nick Church for the premise's management and the remainder of the committee for their help during the past year.

Treasurer's Report: David Bennett presented the treasurer's report and accounts to the meeting.

David Bennett reported that the hall surplus had recovered from last year, but that there was a small deficit on the playing field account. It was stated that the deficit on the playing field account will be larger this year due to the on-going work taking place. The cost of hall maintenance is down for the current year. David Bennett said that the association had approximately £12,000 in reserve at present.

Nick Loxton asked if the association had any provision for a reserve amount that should be kept, and David Bennett said that £5,000 is to be kept as a reserve.

Election of Committee: Chris Gough ran through the organization's represented on the SPFA committee.

David Bennett, Annie Prichard and Michael Harrison are the elected members of the committee and they were all standing for reelection. Chris Gough said that Ray Thorogood has been elected to the committee at last year's annual general meeting but had to stand down shortly afterwards, Chris Gough proposed that Jo Culham joins the committee. There were no other nominations for the committee. Sally Gough proposed that those standing for the committee were elected en-bloc and this was accepted.

Any Other Business: Annie Prichard asked if the meeting would thank Michael Harrison for organizing and running the monthly quiz nights at the Volunteer Inn which is in aid of the SPFA, and Chris Gough passed on the thanks of the association.

The Meeting Closed at 7.55pm