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Minutes of the meeting of the Sports Committee held on the 06th March 2013 at the Village Hall

Councillors present: Di Ames (Chair), Trevor Cooper, Derrick Folbigg

Councillor Apologies: Nick Papé

Clerk: Anne Papé

In attendance: Mike Beresford, Diana Wignell, Graham Norman J Darrington – Great Barford Cricket Club

Marco Catrambone, Leo Marciante – Alfa Football Club
Allan Payn – Great Barford Football Club

MINUTES

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

1.1 Councillor Ames welcomed all to the meeting and agreed to act as Chair for the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Papé.

2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal - None

3. To review the use of the playing field

3.1 The Parish Council would advise the football clubs if a match had to be cancelled due to the condition of the pitch. It was agreed that Councillor Ames would make the decision on behalf of the Parish Council.

3.2 Great Barford Football Club and Alfa GB agreed to share the maintenance of the pitch. Both teams would be able to mark out the pitches. Alfa GB would purchase white paint for line marking.

3.3 Use of the playing field is controlled by the Parish Council only. The Parish Council confirmed that Alfa GB were welcome to continue using the football pitch.

3.4 The Cricket Club would take responsibility for calling off cricket matches due to pitch condition.

3.5 All clubs are to request that visitors and spectators use the Village Hall car park rather than parking on the road. It was recommended that cones be placed along Fishers Close up to the bottom of the ramp.

3.6 All clubs were asked to be mindful of the use of foul language. Referees should be consulted with on this matter. Councillor Ames would place 'Respect' posters in the changing rooms.

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4. To consider works required to the playing field

4.1 The entire playing field had been slit tined. The application of a fertilizer and weed killer would be required.

4.2 The amount of damage to the playing field by rabbits had been reduced.

4.3 The Clubs were advised that 106 monies were available for Sports. It was felt that boundary nets along Birchfield Road may be beneficial, as well as attention to the surface of the football pitch.

4.4 The boundary nets used by the Cricket Club appeared to be in need of repair. It was felt that the nets should be put in storage over the winter months in future.

4.5 It was agreed that the football goals would be stored on the far side of the storage building in future as the guttering on the village hall could be damaged at the current location.

Action – Clerk to request quotations for brackets on the storage building to hold the goals.

5. To consider introducing a policy for use of the playing field

5.1 The Parish Council was considering introducing a Playing Field Policy. This was acceptable to all.

Meeting closed at 20.05

Signed: _____



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