

Corton Playing Field Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021.

Those present: M. Boughton, D. Butcher, B. Canham, D. Fermor, I. Harvey & J. Harvey.

Apologies for absence: none.

Minutes of the previous meeting: approved and signed as a true record (proposed, D. Fermor; seconded, I. Harvey).

Matters arising: parish councillor R. Groome (ref. AOB, November meeting) hoped to hold a two-day Fun Day on 6 & 7 August, with the Community Room used to stage an evening dance (bar available) and the Field to host a variety of organised events. This was agreed in principle, with the proviso that the organisers should be responsible for clearing up the rubbish created. It was felt by the meeting that a one-day event might be a more realistic and feasible proposition.

Groundsman's report: B. Canham said that the recent wet weather had prevented him cutting the Field's grass and finishing off the remaining hedge-trimming work, and it had also affected the schedule of football fixtures. The overall programme of matches would be suspended for a short Christmas-New Year break.

Secretary's report: M. Boughton suggested that a review of the Community Room's hiring charges was perhaps needed, to take account of winter heating costs, and it was agreed that some thought should be given to this. D. Fermor then introduced the matter of a website for this space – but, after some discussion on how best to advertise its use, it was decided to leave things as they are at present. B. Canham advised that the cost of a sign for the Room (placed on its exterior) was being priced up.

Treasurer's report: D. Fermor circulated accounts for November, which were in keeping with the bank statement. He informed the meeting that East Suffolk CC would make no business-rate charge for 2022 & 2023 and that a quotation had been sought for the laying down of a concrete access strip for cars, along the northern edge of the Field – though no response in the matter had been received, as yet. Finally, he advised that the energy bill for the Community Room currently stood at £125 per month.

AOB

- It was agreed not to hold a meeting in January because of the Omicron Covid-variant and the likelihood of there not being a great deal of business to deal with.

Lottery: first prize, no. 1172, Mrs. T. Wicks, Station Road – £58.75;
second prize, no. 1094, Mrs. T. Edmonds, Colman Road – £35.25;
third prize, no. 1199, Mrs. K. Ward, Wheatacre Drive – £23.50.

The Lottery Savings currently stand at £2,837.86.

The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Date of the next meeting, Wednesday 9 February 2022, at 7.30 p.m. (everybody welcome).

Signed as a true record.....

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