

Minutes of Sellindge Sports and Social Club Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11th July, 2012 – 7.30pm

1) Attendance & Apologies

In Attendance

George Oakley	David Crumley	Sarah-Jane Sandy	Ian Birch
Nick Hollingsbee	David Haining	Dave Motley	

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Jenny Hollingsbee	Caroline Crumley	John Collins	Angela Pumfleet
Susie Smith	Sandy Drury	Stephen Pope	Richard Spokes
Gavin Wood			

2) Review and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Sarah-Jane and seconded by Nick.

3) Membership Report

Dave M gave a summary of the report recently issued stating there were 37 additional members in the last month. Of these, 30 were from the Tennis, 3 from the Bowls and 4 from the Social Club. It was confirmed the member numbers are for people 16 or older. Under 16's are not allowed in the Club unless accompanied by an adult. Dave M confirmed he is in the process of redrafting the membership form.

Discussion ensued re ensuring there is sufficient checking of membership for all visitors or the signing in and payment of guest fees for visitors if not members. This is particularly in cases of high volume events, for example: the quiz night, the Jubilee Celebration and Boot fairs. It was suggested a board be erected stating the benefits of Club membership. The idea of the Club's Constitution being redrawn, by possibly a local lawyer, thereby removing the need for membership, was discussed. It was noted the purpose and benefit of the Club is primarily for the Village and the Constitution and its membership requirements does not necessarily continue to fit with today's lifestyle and attitudes.

Action - All to inform David C with the points to include in a redraft of the Constitution.

Action - David C to decide how to progress this once feedback received.

Action - Dave M to re-draft the membership form for debate at the next meeting.

4) Treasurer's Report

John has reviewed the Club's VAT position and recommends the Club should de-register for VAT. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee.

5) Fundraising Report

George reported that as the Boot Fair on 16th June had been cancelled the funds had not changed. Hopefully, although the weather is still 'dodgy', the Boot Fair this weekend 14th July should take place. David C requested 1 or 2 people assist with directing traffic if closed, due to the Swan Lane traffic congestion last time the boot fair had to be called off.

David Haining gave a summary of the Garage Safari day. The weather was again unkind but even so, out of the 34 houses who originally wanted to take part, 30 actually did, amounting to £150 of income to be shared equally between the Village Hall and the Club. This was the first time such an event had been held here, so much useful experience had been gained. The selling of the £1 maps could have been more (higher price) and also let people taking part to sell maps on our behalf. Visitors soon realised those taking part had balloons and a sign outside so didn't then buy a map. The event had been well advertised but there was the additional benefit of people driving through, then stopping, then going house to house. The Parish Council commented the event was good from a Village perspective, with many people getting out, meeting and talking to others. All wanted to know if another is being held sometime? Traders did arrive at some doors as early as 7.45am as they do, but also there were more traders as the Boot Fair at County Members had been cancelled. The amount sold by those taking part was reported to be as high as £400 in one or two cases. David H said he had maybe as many as 200 to 400 people walk up his drive throughout the morning, with the A20 packed at times. David C reported the Club was very quiet even with being open for maps and drinks. It was suggested that the Club host a stall if the event is to run again to increase visitor numbers. It was unanimously agreed that the Garage Safari had been a success for the village and should be run again next year if possible.

The Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) quiz night was a great success with the Club being packed. In excess of £900 was raised for GOSH with very good publicity for the Club, being involved in such a great cause. There had also been ideas / requests for similar events. We should definitely hold similar events where possible. The Committee would like to say a particular thanks to Ian and Richard Birch for obtaining the chairs from the Village Hall at short notice and to the Village Hall for lending them.

George updated the Committee re the Sellindge School Summer fair stall covered by Angela, Sarah-Jane, Susie and Caroline. The Co-Op donated a fund of £20 from its 'week for organisation' pot for local Communities. The activities included a raffle, and other games with prizes ranging from sweets to a bottle of wine. The profit of £24.50, and remaining stock, are to be kept as a float for a similar stall at future events, including the next Boot Fair this coming weekend. The Summer Fair was an excellent opportunity to be out there letting people know all about the Club including the food, mini Zumba, street dance classes. Already 9 have signed up for the elder group of "Street Dance".

Nick explained the 5-a-side football tournament had to be cancelled due to Ashford's holding their event that was bigger than last year. It is hoped to re-arrange this for later in the year.

George updated the Committee on progress with the Playground. A list of playgrounds Kompan have in the area, with their various equipment, has been circulated but no example contract had been forwarded from Stuart Pettit (Kompan) as he had been involved in an accident. However, it has now been 2 weeks and it was felt Kompan should have had someone else take over. The Club still have Playdale as a short listed option. Their equipment uses solid wood as at the local school. David H stated Linda Hedley of the Parish

Council had ideas of who the Club can obtain grants from if that is of interest? We need to urgently look at what equipment we want, and from who, as the decision point to receive the Shepway grant is 1st September 2012, where we need to show a paid invoice.

Action – George to pursue Kompan.

Action - Committee to decide on Supplier following update from George. The piece of playground equipment to be purchased can then be identified, with appropriate actions to obtain the grant from Shepway.

The Co-Op hand out community grants so should we ask the Operational Manager for this area.

Action – Nick to contact the Operational Manager for this area, who is someone he knows from the past.

David C confirmed he had received £60 owing from Chris Cornbill and the £10 from Richard Spokes towards the sponsored swim. Only the amount generated from the clothes collection is still outstanding

Action – Caroline to chase for the money for the clothes collection.

David H informed the Committee at yesterday's Parish Committee's meeting he attended, it was stated that applications for grants need to be received by the Finance Committee by 20th July. These grants are typically for things that help the community. It was felt field maintenance including grass cutting, hedge pruning etc. may be the best things to apply for as this benefits the community.

Action – David C to apply for a grant from the Finance Committee for field maintenance.

The only other event planned to date for this year is the Fireworks night. We need to start thinking about volunteers. Nick suggested we can get volunteers by talking directly, involving parents, the School and other areas such as Smeeth. The Parish Council should be asked.

The questions for us to think about before the next meeting are:

- Who can we get involved
- Doing what
- Get lights
- Need tables
- Gazebo's
- Parking
- Food
- Beer
- Clubs/space

Action – all – to reflect on these questions raised above for discussion at the next meeting.

6) Clubs & Society Updates

a) Bowls

No issues were raised except for the slight vandalism again. Sarah-Jane has not yet managed to talk to the individual recently barred from the Club.

Action – Sarah-Jane to take responsibility.

The Security light at the end of the building overlooking the store room/bowls entrance was previously agreed to be installed but not yet done. Ian agreed to make sure this is actioned.

Action – Ian to ensure Phil Manning installs the Security light a.s.a.p.

David C confirmed he would draw up a detailed list of work required. This would cover exactly what needs doing for the required additional security, including separate electronics, re-wiring, etc. Then, quotes for this work can be obtained from various suppliers.

Action – David C to draw up the detailed list of work required.

b) Junior Football

David C confirmed discussions were held yesterday evening with Richard Spokes and Gavin Wood of Smeeth & Brabourne Football Club (SABFC) relating to next season's junior football contract. This followed the recent confirmation of SSASC's wish not to enter into either the long term or exclusive contract that SABFC had proposed. It was clarified that SSASC does very much want to promote Youth Football but needs to keep its options open in supporting a variety of sports and in particular for any Sellindge club that may need a home at the Club in the future.

Other issues discussed with SABFC included access to the portable goals for SSASC or Sellindge FC (see Sunday football below) if this becomes a permanent arrangement, the outstanding invoice for SSASC's 50% share of the goals which SABFC still needs to submit, preservation of the pitch, allowing SABFC to play as many games as they want, obviously without impairing the pitch or the needs of any Sellindge Club. SABFC say the number of games they want to play won't impact on the pitch. David C suggested the annual charge should be increase commensurate with the number of games (up from circa 30 to circa 50). Hence the annual charge will rise to £850 for 50 games.

The agreement for next season between SABFC and SSASC needs to be put in place.

Action – David C to finalise the agreement with Richard.

There was also a discussion re the charge for the Function Hall use by the ADYFL committee. It was agreed tonight by the Committee that these would be waived as ADYFL were not aware of them.

If SABFC wishes to provide their own catering they must discuss this directly with the Committee and not Steve.

It may be better that the new goal posts are owned outright by one or the other of SABFC or SSASC. It was suggested that these should be owned by SSASC. This could be achieved by the Committee not charging SABFC for next year's annual charge or by taking up some

potential matched funding from Shepway (equivalent to the amount of money (approx.. £1,400) raised from the “Jumpers for Goal Posts” and sponsored swim events.

c) Sunday Football

Following Brabourne FC’s recent decision to leave SSASC, David C confirmed a new team (Sellindge FC) is trialling 3 friendly games on Sunday mornings here. If these are successful, they are likely to become permanent. This year, Adam Brown registered Sellindge FC in the Eileen Neville League www.en-league.com with a squad of 18 players (comprising 18 to 30 year olds), 7 or 8 of which come from Sellindge, with the remainder from the Folkestone area. In the first friendly game, Sellindge FC maintained the changing facilities in good condition, they also supported the Club, being in the bar adding to a good atmosphere with Steve looking after them providing food. They appreciate the values of being part of Sellindge Club and are saying all the right things. Hence, to date, this looks very promising. SABFC train Tuesday night, play Saturday, Sellindge FC would train Wednesday night, and play Sunday. Hence there is no overlap. An agreement in writing including dates of games is needed before a commitment is reached.

Action – David C to confirm the outcome of the 3 friendlies. All being good, have an agreement with the appropriate points in place.

d) Tennis

Stephen is not in attendance.

However, David H, who is a member of the Tennis Club, lives in Sellindge, attended the Free Junior Tennis Taster Day on 30th June at the Club, and made the following comments:

The turnout was good with 20 or so kids, with a few helpers. This suggests the numbers are here for a Junior Tennis Club, with some very good..

Unfortunately, the hand-out on the day had the price and Mike’s phone number wrong. Hence, it will need to be re-run, including being put in the newsletter.

A general discussion ensued on a number of concerns in relation to the tennis club, which currently only has around 34 members. It was agreed it would be beneficial for the Club and the Tennis Club to sit down and hold discussions, review the current agreement and agree how numbers can be increased. There appears to be a good opportunity to increase membership, taking advantage of the significant local interest shown in the recent free trial.

Action – David C to review the Tennis Agreement including charges and exclusivity.

e) Whist & Bingo

No issues were raised.

7) Club Works, Maintenance & Security

The final snagging list is in the process of being dealt with following the meeting between Jenny, George, David C and the Architect and Coombs. Once completed, this will allow the works to be signed off and the final bill paid.

Other points covered above.

8) Club Bar & Catering Management

There was general discussion regarding the Club Bar & Catering Management. David C confirmed the contract between the tenants (Steve & Sue) and the Club needs to be re-drawn for the interest of each party. It's been the first time the Club had franchised out the Club Bar & Catering Management so after a year or so many lessons had been learnt. There are areas where it is not clear who is responsible for what and at what cost, including, for example, clearing of Rubbish, cleaning the Club after events, the cleaning of toilets, upkeep of hedges & weeds etc.

David C asked that all Committee members reflect on areas they believe should be included in the new Contract. We need to remember it is the tenants' business but clearly the Club Bar & Catering Management need to work hand in hand with the other activities of the Club. This is crucial so when, for instance, a function takes place, all visitors are very impressed with the Club, wanting to return as well as generating word of mouth recommendations. In this way, the Club grows to be a highly successful Sports & Social Club for Sellindge and the surrounding district.

Action – All Committee to email comments to David C

9) Youth Club

No update.

Action carried forward from last meeting:

Action – Caroline and Sarah-Jane to discuss with Jenny and report back suggested approach.

10) Actions pending from meeting dated 6th June 2012

The position re the actions as raised in the 6th June meeting, have been listed in the Minutes above in the appropriate Section or are below:

4) Membership

- a) Caroline to contact the Zumba Club instructor to ensure all participants are members of SSASC – *c/f*
- b) David C/George to finalise the Agreement for use with Clubs like Zumba – *c/f*
- d) Dave M to re-draft the membership form for use in 2013 – *c/f*

5) Treasurer's report

- a) George/John to meet the current Insurance Underwriter's Assessor at the Club to obtain an assessment. Once accomplished, there is a need to review options including obtaining quotes from other Insurance companies – *c/f*

6) Fundraising report

- a) George to produce a questionnaire for use at the school and around the Village – c/f
- b) George, Caroline and Susie to meet and circulate their plans/ideas in advance of next meeting – c/f
- c) George to consider whether a membership desk should be at the next Boot Fair – agreed but needs to be manned – Sarah-Jane, Ian and Susie will do this Saturday.

7) AOB

David C asked whether the actions from the AGM meeting should be highlighted & circulated so they can be worked through. He volunteered to do this, which was accepted.

David C to issue any actions from this year's AGM – c/f

George raised the matter of the recent individual who was barred from the Club and whether he should be let back in. Generally, it was felt of the need for the Club to receive an apology, but then it would be good to be involved in helping the Club.

Sarah-Jane agreed to take responsibility and manage this.

Sarah-Jane to take responsibility – c/f

11) AOB

Dave M enquired what had happened to the old Club photos and trophies, including the Club 'opening ceremony with Henry Cooper' photo. These will give the Club its history and character. It was confirmed, these are held in safe storage and to be put up shortly.

Dave M asked what the process was for deciding on membership applications where there is any doubt about suitability. It was confirmed this is a family Club and bad language is not acceptable. Steve and Sue are responsible for handling the atmosphere in the Club, ensuring any issues are brought immediately to the Committee's attention.

Action – David C to discuss with Steve and Sue

14) Date, Time & Venue of next meeting

Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm at the Club.

Meeting closed 9:40pm