

Club Committee meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018  
Minutes

Present Stephen Hodgson (SH)  
Mandy Davies (MD)  
Jason Davies (JD)  
Mike Charman (MC)  
Jo Alcott (JA)  
Glyn Lucas (GL)  
Jim Gee (JG)  
Sarah Osborne (SO)

Apologies TJ

SH welcomed Glyn to his first Club Committee and committee formally approved his appointment as Colts Chairman.

There were no outstanding matters from previous minutes which were approved.

#### **FINANCE.**

MC confirmed that there were a few outstanding invoices to be paid.  
New nets/ end of season ground works/ new balls etc. totalling approx. £2000 yet to be paid.  
Nonetheless the club's financial position still remains strong.

SH mentioned that the club was facing some unusually high additional costs in 2018 and that it was important to continue to keep encouraging members to participate in the various fund raising activities.

CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) status was discussed.  
SH emphasised the benefits of moving the club from its current status to become a CASC.  
It is likely that the Club will become responsible for the running of the new club house at Thakeham.  
Meaning responsibility to pay rates.  
CASC status provides a mandatory rate relief of 80%.

JG advised that the Rate Bill must be in the club's name and come to the club.

MC is reviewing benefits/disadvantages more closely and will report back.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

MD. advised that after looking at ways of streamlining the current paper based membership process perhaps by using an "on line" system that she didn't feel confident to adopt anything club wide for 2018.

However will look at introducing an online system for senior men and ladies membership.  
JD proposed the introduction of a card machine for registration evening/match fees etc.  
Will investigate.

## LEAGUE and FIXTURES

Senior league fixtures now on play cricket.

Junior fixture still pending .... Usually announced early – mid march.

U15/16 will be fielding 2 teams in separate leagues this year.

Club will enter the U19 t20 league and SO advised an additional girls' team.

Issue of ground congestion was discussed and is a serious issue.

Discussion re the possibility of using Thakeham.

SH advised that it was unlikely that the ground would be fit for any senior cricket until July at the earliest but it was hoped that some junior games could be played.

This would depend on grass growth and the ability to conduct necessary works.

Amberley would continue to be used for 3<sup>rd</sup> XI games

It was agreed that the club would urgently investigate the possibility of installing a new all-weather wicket.

SH confirmed that Thakeham PC were supportive but asked to be kept informed

JG will contact suppliers and obtain estimates.

Alternatively make use of "roll out" and leave down. Not ideal for hard ball cricket.

## SENIOR CRICKET (SH/JD)

JD confirmed that Old GITs (Gentlemen in training) nets will take place on Wednesday evenings. (details to follow)

All players Senior and Junior should be required to wear club shirts when representing the club

MC will run a scoring and umpiring course. All are welcome especially junior parents.

SH advised that it was likely that we would be hosting two overseas players this year. Both from India and would be looking for help with accommodation.

SO confident that there would be good numbers for the ladies team but would be joining forces with St James's Montefiore for some league games.

## JUNIOR CRICKET

GL/SO/MD

SO introducing a new U15 girl's team.

GL ...a 2<sup>nd</sup> U15/16 team that will allow a select number of U17s to participate.

U19's team be introduced and will enter the t20 league.

U9's currently have no manager/ administrator. Hopefully parents will step forward

All players should wear club shirts and club caps.

SH is investigating buying caps in bulk for purchase at Registration evening.

Decision on whether the club will sign up to the All-Stars programme is still pending

Introduction to cricket taster Day

A number of local junior schools are being approached.

The club will host and provide coaching to children (girls and boys) who have not played cricket

## SOCIAL (JA/JD)

JA provided a calendar of proposed events during 2018 and included a "Grand Opening of the Thakeham clubhouse" date to be confirmed.

SH will liaise with builders/Thakeham PC and other stakeholders

JD confirmed that tickets for the ABBA night were available and sales were already going well.

Summer Party.... a) JG is investigation licence types

b) Need to find a new band. JA will contact Jimmy Baily (Grizzly Trio)

Raffle prizes. JA ... need to build up a collection of possible prizes and not left until last minute

## WELFARE (SO)

SO advised that renewing safeguarding licence can now be done on line.

All open age group captains need to have completed DBS checks and 1st Aid and Safeguarding courses.

SO is now "approved" and is able to sign off DBS applications.

SO will continue to prompt and remind managers/coaches/senior captains etc. of any shortfalls

## AOB

SH reported that specifications of the "fit out" had been received from the builders of the new clubhouse asking for comment.

A reply had been sent and had received favourable response on most if not all issues.

Conversations are ongoing between builders/TPC and CC.

SH. Meeting with Brian Fletcher (Consulting groundsman), JG and SH prior to Christmas concluded that playing any senior cricket on the new ground until at least mid-July would be very unlikely.

However, assuming a decent spring, good grass growth etc. it should be possible to use for a select number of junior games.