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Peasemore Pavilion & Sports Field Report for Hiring Period April – September 2016

PPC Meeting 12 October 2016

Usage & Income

The pavilion is available for hire between April and September. Requests for out-of-season use are considered by the PPC on an exceptional basis. Hiring is via the PPC although this is currently handled on its behalf on a voluntary basis by Tim Bean.

In the current hiring period the pavilion has generated an income of £922.50 for PPC with a further £25.50 expected for an October out-of-season booking.

Peasemore Village Cricket Club continue to be PPC's main paying customer in respect of the pavilion and sports field, utilising it for matches on various Sundays from April to September. For this it pays an annual charge of £600. In 2016 PVCC had nine home matches scheduled of which six were played (the balance being cancelled due to weather or inability of one team or the other to field sufficient players).

Additional occasional hire for private parties or other village events has generated a further £322.50 this hiring period. The Peasemore Committee used the facilities to hold a Peasemore Fete, the first in over a decade, and the ground was also used for two private hire cricket matches.

There is one further out-of-season private booking agreed for 31st October 2016 expected to generate £25.50. In addition, the Friends of St Barnabas has requested access to the sports field for a Land Rover and trailer on 18th December in relation to the Candlelight Parade it is organising. PPC has agreed to this subject to weather.

To support promotion of the pavilion as a venue for hire during the summer months a Facebook page has been created. This is a useful point of reference for potential hirers, with photos of the venue, facilities and events plus the hiring conditions. This is currently administered by Tim Bean (see misc.).

Building Maintenance

The pavilion is inspected on an ad hoc basis and any repairs carried out with the approval of PPC. In this hiring period work has been carried out to repair a rotten balustrade, a broken gutter and to replace a gable-end finial. This was done by Paul Brady at no charge for which we are grateful. Paint was purchased to make good the repairs and the unused paint is located in the pavilion store for future use.

The pavilion is cleaned on an ongoing basis by hirers. In addition, a professional single spring clean is usually undertaken prior to the hiring season, and in 2016 this was carried out by Viv Kirby.

Electrical equipment is PAT tested as required, and this is usually aligned to PAT testing of the village hall equipment. This was last undertaken on 16th June 2016. Fire extinguishers are also tested as required, again in line with the village hall testing. Date of the last test TBC.

There is no rubbish collection from the pavilion. Hirers are required to remove all rubbish, and this rule is normally respected.

Consumables such as toilet paper, cleaning equipment, bin liners etc. are purchased as required and a claim made to PPC. It hasn't been necessary to purchase anything this hiring period.

Sports Field Maintenance

The sports field is cut by a contract provider, currently Scofel. Precise details of the contract are with PPC, but it broadly caters for several cuts per month through the growing season with some occasional strimming around the play equipment, pavilion and cricket net areas. Where possible Scofel will seek to align cuts to PVCC home cricket matches, although the frequency with which the contract allows for grass to be cut means that this is not always possible. The cricket square is maintained without charge by PVCC.

The play equipment is inspected annually and any repairs discussed, agreed and commissioned by the PPC. Details of this for the current period are not known to the author as this is organised directly by PPC.

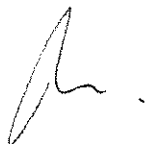
The cricket net is available for use by all villagers and is regularly used mid-week by certain of the village children and also on Sundays by PVCC during home matches. The net area benefitted from a new net this season, kindly purchased for the village by Peasemore Committee. There is no formal maintenance agreement for the net area, although PVCC normally cleans the surface, trims trees and scrub etc. and removes the net for winter storage.

Most years PVCC has organised a spring clear-up, more recently in conjunction with PPC.

Miscellaneous

Dog fouling remains an issue at the sports field, both on the main grassy area and around the play equipment. It may be worth considering installation of signage to remind dog walkers to take advantage of the dog waste bin provided.

Tim Bean has advised PPC that he will step down as administrator for the pavilion / sports field from the end of October 2016 (once the final booking has been invoiced). A request for a new volunteer has been posted on Peasemore In Touch on a couple of occasions but to date nobody has come forward to offer support.



Tim Bean
12 October 2016