

Please receive my Secretary's report from the AGM dated 25.2.19

4. Secretaries Report :-

a) G.Watson stated that there was 8 Soccer teams using the fields during 2018, 1 Eynsham FC seniors, 2 Social Club. Seniors, 3 Youth teams aged 11, 12 & 13, and 2 boy's teams aged 8 & 10, playing on 2 mini-soccer pitches.

b) This year a major problem has again been the excessive amount of dog mess on the South Field (Pavilion side). This has been caused by irresponsible dog owners failing to clear up after their pets. Team managers and parents are faced with having to clear up dog excrement from the pitches before games and training. Dog excrement poses a serious health risk to children. It can also infect the dogs of responsible owners. One additional dog bin has been added by the Parish Council but with little effect. Further bins more visible would help. Another suggestion was to make the line of the footpath more visible by reinstating the sign/waymark at the stream. This may encourage dog owners to avoid the playing surfaces. Further action will be investigated later. The South field is managed on behalf of the village by the Playing Field Managers. Regular grass cutting is only possible due to the income from the village football clubs that rent the pitches and income from the Carnival and other smaller events.

c) The toilet block on the North Field was demolished in February 2018. The proposal was for the building to be converted to provide changing facilities for the football clubs and other users. Permission was rejected by Corpus Christi College unless any development was within the area of the old toilet block. This is not sufficient for 4 changing rooms so the proposal is to change the South Pavilion to accommodate 6 changing rooms and additional facilities for the North Teams use and girls. We have 3 senior pitches accommodateing 6 teams all requiring changing and showers.

Concern was raised that provision is made for showers, toilets and a container for equipment during the rebuild of the Pavilion. A meeting was held on 18th December where the Parish Council declared for the first time that there will be no cover for football facilities during the new build (possibly 18 Months). This is not acceptable to the Football Clubs.

d) The Circus Ginnett did not come to Eynsham during 2017 or 2018 and will not be operating in 2019. Other events are being investigated.

Administration; - Our Committee consists of :-

2 members nominated by the Parish Council1) S.Osborne

2) S.Brown Chairperson

2 members of the general public endorsed at the AGM.....1) G.Watson Secretary.

2) R.Watson

3 members of the user bodies.....1) G.Bailey, Eynsham F.C.

2) J.Ayres Treasurer, Eynsham Social Club F.C.

Vacancy Eynsham Youth F.C. (C.Norton retired)

Geoff Watson Secretary