

Eynsham Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2016

EYNESHAM PLAYING FIELD MANAGERS' REPORT – 2015/16

Present at Eynsham Parish AGM is the Chairperson Sue Brown and the Secretary, Geoff Watson.

FINANCE: The Balance sheet for 2015 was approved at the Playing Field AGM. The main points from this report are that the Current Account stands at £1022.74, petty cash is £154.19, the Deposit Account stands at £4,713.67 making a total credit of £5,890.60, giving a year profit of £568.82 against last year's loss of £611.61.

It was agreed that there would be no increase in hire charges for 2016.

PLAYING FIELDS:

- (a) There are 11 Soccer teams currently using the field, 3 Eynsham FC seniors, 2 Eynsham Social Club Seniors, 2 Youth teams aged 14 & 15, and 4 boys' teams aged 7, 8, 9 & 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.
- (c) Investigations are currently taking place about the feasibility of extending / altering the toilet block on the North Field. The proposal is for the building to be converted to provide changing facilities for the football clubs and other users. Permission is being sought from Corpus Christi College who own the field. Should permission be granted plans will be drawn up and funding sought through grant applications.
- (d) The Circus Ginnett is booked to be held on 26-27 April 2016¹. Last year's event was appreciated by all attending and the Circus left the ground in good condition when leaving.
- (e) A group of local skaters raised funds to update the skate park on the North Field. This is due to take place when the football season has finished. Sue Brown represented the PFM on the skate park working party.

ADMINISTRATION – Our Committee consists of:

- 2 members nominated by the Parish Council – S Osborne and S Brown Chairperson
- 2 members of the general public, endorsed at the AGM – G Watson, Secretary; R Watson
- 3 members of the user bodies – G Bailey, Eynsham FC; J Ayres Treasurer, Eynsham Social Club FC; Vacancy, Eynsham Youth FC. (C Norton retired).

GEOFF WATSON – Secretary – 1.2.16

¹ Unfortunately this event did not take place as the field was too wet.