

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th MAY 2005 AT 8.00 p.m. AT THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD**

**Present:** Cllr Mr A Barnett (Chairman)  
Cllr Mr J Gaywood  
Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby  
Cllr Mr V Sewell  
Cllr Mrs M Solman

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Hoad (Clerk)  
Mr V John (NAG & Hartley CC)  
Mr A Stewart (NAG & Hartley CC)  
Mr A Cox (NAG & Hartley CC)  
2 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr A Tremain and Cllr C Ward.

**2. New Ash Green and Hartley Cricket Club**

The Chairman of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee explained that historically cricket clubs using the facilities at Manor Field had been charged according to the number of teams and that the Committee had understood that New Ash Green and Hartley CC were fielding three teams at Manor Field this season. The proposed total charge of £1,275 had been based on a charge of £425 per team and that the charge per team had remained unchanged from the previous year. No charge had been applied to the Colts team. The Committee explained that the Cricket Club had exclusive use of the facilities at the ground including the Pavilion, which would normally be hired out at a rate of £7.50 per hour.

The Club informed the Committee that they were only running two teams on a Saturday and that the games arranged on Sundays were made up of an amalgamation of their first and second team players. The Club presented a breakdown of their costs incurred last season to prepare the square and their anticipated costs for the forthcoming season, which amounted to a sum of £750 to maintain the square, £600 to repair equipment and £300 for additional grass cutting, totalling £1,650. The Club confirmed their membership was currently running at between 20 to 25 members. The Club quoted fees charged at a number of alternative venues, which ranged from £30/33 per game at Hall Place, £62 per game at Sevenoaks Town Council and £70 per game at Waller Park, all of which were for a fully prepared wicket. The Club requested the Committee give consideration to (1) restructuring the fee system so that they may be charged according to the number of games played and not according to the number of teams and (2) a reduction in the proposed level of fees to be charged to the Club for the forthcoming season, in recognition of the level of financial commitment made by the Club to develop cricket at Manor Field.

*Members of the cricket club left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.*

The Committee considered the matter further. A proposal to waive an outstanding fee of £425 for use of the facilities at Manor Field and the Pavilion last season was LOST.

**RECOMMENDED:**

(1) In pursuance of standing order 38 (a), the Committee requests the Council give consideration to the rescission of a previous decision taken by the Council at its Annual meeting held on 9th May 2005, under minute item 13, in respect of a recommendation of the Amenities and Open Space Committee contained in

the minutes of its meeting held on 28th April 2005, page no 6, minute no 12 and that the following resolution be approved,

the annual fee of £858 for the 2005 season, based on £39 per game for 22 fixtures, shall be payable by the New Ash Green and Hartley Cricket Club regardless of the number of games actually played.

(2) New Ash Green and Hartley Cricket Club be invoiced for the sum of £425 in settlement of the underpayment for the use of the field and the Pavilion during the 2004 season, caused as a result of an undercharge made by the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

