

BURTON-ON-THE- WOLDS PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Cath Thomson, Helen Monk, Peter & Pam Harrison, Robert Shields, Carol Allenby,
Phil Spencer, Brian Bunn, Pamela Parkin & Rachael Saunders

1. Apologies – Diane Simmons & John Shipman

2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 14th May 2018

These were adopted. Proposed by Pamela Parkin, seconded by Helen Monk.

3. Matter arising from the minutes

There were none.

4. Chairman's report

These were read by Cath Thomson and attached at the end of the minutes

5. Treasurer's Report - HM

A copy of the accounts was circulated.

Adopted: proposed – RoSh, seconded – BB

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6. Club Reports

a) Tennis Club CA gave a short account for the year, attached at the end of the minutes

Present membership – 16 families, 21 individuals

b) Barrow Cricket Club – no representative present

c) Burton Football Club BB – attached to these minutes

d) Loughborough Emmanuel Football Club – no representative present.

7. Election of the committee and officers

These remain the same and were elected en bloc.

Proposed RoSh. Seconded HM

CA agreed to remain a trustee, DS will represent the tennis club at meetings on her behalf.

Meeting closed at 8.05

Minutes approved by the Trustees on (date)

Signed

Catherine Thomson: Chair of Trustees

Individual reports that follow on consecutive pages

1. Chairperson's report

2. Burton Football Club report

3. Tennis Club report

Chairperson's Report

One way and another it has been a very busy year with quite a number of significant events to report. I try to remember to put full minutes on the parish web-site, so anything of importance I have forgotten to mention here is publically available in our minutes.

Early summer in 2018 was taken up with preparing for a village fete on the field. Steph Massey masterminded the day which was a great success particularly as a social event bringing the village together. The funds that it raised were put towards the new swings project. Our thanks to Steph for taking on the fete organisation and also to Emma Wardle for her support and help in obtaining match funding towards the new swings. This was the first fete for several years and a lot was learnt from the experience. It is hoped to hold another on Sat 28th June 2010.

After two years of planning, saving and waiting the new swings were finally installed in the autumn. They were well received and are proving a very popular item on the playground. At this point I must thank Rachael for the contribution she made towards the cost of the companion swing. Robert Shields, our PC rep. was extremely helpful in dealing with Wickstead and the Parish Council to ensure completion.

Gradually we are working our way through jobs that need doing on the playground. Shortly after the arrival of the swings grass safety matting was installed under the multiplay. Over the year sections of fence have been repaired and reinforced. Very recently a volunteer team from Santander have painted some of the equipment and part of the fence. At present I am investigating a long term solution to the erosion of the slide mound. Maintaining what we have is a priority, but obtaining a piece of new challenging equipment for older children is something we would still like to consider, if someone steps forward to drive this initiative. Currently we are looking for help to complete a project to put thermo-plastic ground graphics on the concrete base.

Around the field there have been a few changes. The porta-loo has been installed for use in the summer months. Work has been done on trees and hedges on safety grounds, both voluntarily by Phil Spencer and by local contractors. Two seats have been relocated and Tennis Club bought a new seat which has been installed recently to replace the broken one near the Tennis courts. The Santander volunteer day last week meant we were able to have tree brash chipped and spread, the outdoor table tennis tables and surface cleaned and the adult fitness equipment refurbished. Thank you to Peter, Rachael and Peter Birkinshaw who helped with this day. I must add that Peter Birkinshaw also helped Peter H put up the nest boxes from last year's EMA project.

We were surprised to receive David McDermott's resignation as a trustee. He was very supportive of our aims and keen to offer practical help, I thank him for his efforts and enthusiasm. We have been pleased to welcome Robert Shields to the Trust management. Robert replaces David as the PC representative.

Last year I wrote that we were updating the Barrow Cricket Club license. The previous license was for Burton Cricket Club which had ceased to exist since it amalgamated with Barrow. The new licence would have assured Barrow security of tenure. Unfortunately Barrow felt they could not afford the upkeep of the cricket square in addition to their own facilities in Barrow and so they have passed on their option to renew for 2019. After discussion it was felt that perhaps the PFA should not seek another Cricket Club and concentrate instead on offering other summer activities on the field that involve more of the village residents. Thank you to John Shipman, Barrow CC's rep., for his support and regular attendance at our PFA management meetings.

Finally we were surprised to hear that Loughborough Emanuel FC have ceased to exist and so will not be renewing as Saturday league tenants on the field. I wish Dan and the other players all the best. I suspect we shall see a few of them playing for the Sunday side, Burton FC.

To conclude I am grateful to Peter Harrison for his hard work, the well maintained, safe, playground is a credit to his efforts. Thanks to Pam also for her support and help with bookings. Brian Bunn and Diane Simmons have both worked hard over the past year, not only in furthering the interests of their clubs, but in supporting the PFA in its aims and objectives. I must acknowledge my gratitude to the whole committee and trustees, particularly Rachael and Helen who keep me on track and provide the continuity and support to this committee that enable it to function.

Catherine Thomson PFA Chairperson, 13th May 2019

REPORT OF BURTON FOOTBALL CLUB TO BPFA 2019 AGM

Burton F.C. have experienced a difficult season. The structure of the divisions for 2018/19 meant that we were frequently pitched against some good sides and consequently the results have not been very good. We have asked our League if we can drop from Division 1 to Division 2 for next season as we think teams in that division are more suited to our standard of football.

We will need to make some changes to our management structure for next season with a couple of existing players taking over the Manager and Assistant Manager roles. I plan to continue on the administrative side of the club as Secretary but will share the Treasurer role with Dave Keleher who managed the team during the 2018/19 season.

Thanks to a relatively mild and dry winter the pitch has been good all season with little evidence of excessive wear except for a couple of patches in the goalmouths. The bench that was placed on the field alongside the roadside hedge has proved very useful for match spectators.

Despite incurring costs for affiliation and pitch fees, regular marking out, kit and fines our finances remain reasonably sound although showing a reduction on the corresponding period last year. It is to be hoped that there will be some stabilising of BPFA pitch fees for next season.

The recent resignation of Loughborough Emmanuel from the North West Leicestershire Saturday League was predictable but disappointing, as we had a good working arrangement with them, as well as sharing players who were keen to play Saturday and Sunday. It is to be hoped that their replacement is a team that we can work with and trust and don't walk away owing the BPFA money as was the case with a previous Saturday side.

Burton F.C appreciate what we have at Towles Field and are committed to working with the BPFA and Parish Council to ensure that we retain and continually improve facilities that are the envy of many football clubs in the area.

Brian Bunn
Secretary Burton (on the Wolds) F.C.
May 8th 2019

Tennis Club Annual Report May 2019

We held the Tennis Club AGM on 22/3/19. The meeting was well attended helped by the advertising of free food and beer.

Last year we had 20 families and 16 adults join the club.

The courts were professionally cleaned and treated and weeds were removed from the perimeter.

A bench was purchased by the tennis club to be sited in place of the rotten bench by the tennis courts.

We successfully ran coaching sessions with GSM on Tuesdays.

Burton school continued to use the courts several times a week throughout the summer term.

Club nights were held on a Thursday and numbers gradually increased as the weather improved.

It was mentioned at the tennis AGM that unless volunteers came forward to help run the club it was unlikely to continue as several of the committee wish to retire and there are only 4 of us at the moment. This would mean the tennis courts would require management by the PFA and the club would very sadly no longer exist. We continue to seek and encourage volunteers.

Carol Allenby
Secretary