

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association

Chairman's Report for postponed AGM 12th May 2020

Due to restrictions imposed through Covid 19 the AGM was cancelled. To fulfil our obligations I have gathered the appropriate reports which you should have received in an email alongside this report. The yearly accounts when accepted by the Trustees, will be sent to the Charity Commission for their website.

I will present a further report in September should we be able to hold an AGM. So briefly, taking the year roughly in chronological order, the main items to mention are as follows

We received a sum from Charmwood Councillors Grant to put towards a project to create games on a concrete surface where the old pavilion used to stand. For various reasons it has not been possible to complete this work yet. A major maintenance task completed by the PFA was the stabilisation of the surface of the slide mound. Thanks the Parish Council for the installation of a new carpet in the pavilion. Thank you also to Tennis Club for arranging the removal of the broken bench and purchase of its very smart replacement.

We were the beneficiaries of another Santander grant and a day's labour from an enthusiastic team who completed a range of jobs around the field. A few months' later two teams from EATON also spent the day helping on the field. This was particularly useful as we formed a link with them that will facilitate the staging of another fete in future. The PFA trustees themselves have all given lots of time to helping maintain the field and the facilities. I thank everyone who has contributed in any way.

The PFA held a Field Day on 6th July to join the annual Field in Trust celebration. A rather low key affair compared to the 2018 fete, but it did realise a couple more volunteers and indicated that there was support for a fete in 2020. The afternoon tea sessions organised by Diane Simmonds for church funds, held once a month at the pavilion were much appreciated and well attended social gatherings. If not for the virus they would be continuing this year

In November there were major changes within the Tennis Club, see the minutes from their meeting. Our thanks to all outgoing members of the Tennis Club Committee, particularly to Carol Allenby for her input over last 18 years. I am pleased that Carol is happy to remain a trustee to the PFA in an advisory capacity. The PFA look forward to working with the new Tennis Club committee and hope that membership will increase over the next couple of years. In the first instance some changes will have to happen in the availability of the courts and the protocol for using them, to accommodate the restrictions necessary during the virus pandemic.

PFA presence at the Christmas Fair at the end of November was appreciated and running the stall was great fun. Whilst it doesn't generate much by way of funds it is great for increasing the PFA profile and making contacts. I will plan to repeat the same stall this year providing the event goes ahead.

We are continually grateful to the Parish Council for their financial and practical support and for the income we receive from the solar panels. With reduced revenue due to loss of two clubs, our share of the solar panel income helps keep our facilities a reasonable rate for the other users. It is hoped a new club will be joining us in September, Phoenix a junior football club. I look forward to introducing their manager to you when we are able to meet again. Apologies if I have omitted anything of importance, but will publish a full report in September.

Catherine Thomson
PFA Chair person, 17th May 2020