



Longmead Field

LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Annual General Meeting Monday 8th June 2020 at 7.00pm Minutes

Due to Covid -19, Tracy Leaman had arranged the meeting to be held online, via Zoom.

Present: Ian McCulloch (Chair), Karen Pinder, Andy Brooke, Trish Slater, Tracy Leaman, Sean Ritchie

- 1) Apologies for absence: None
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of 10th June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed KP seconded AB.

- 3) Election of Committee:

The committee members present were all willing to continue.

IMC elected as chair, nominated by KP and seconded by TS

TL elected as treasurer, nominated by IMC and seconded by KP

Treasurer - Clare Bruton-Young is no longer in a position to take the role. The position will be advertised.

Remainder of Committee: Karen Pinder(Bookings Secretary /Young Persons) Andy Brooke (Sen football) Trish Slater (Longmead Environmental Active Project) Sean Ritchie (HPC) Alex Russell (HPC) Longmead residents rep (TBC) Junior football (TBC) Netball (TBC)

- 4) Matters arising: None
- 5) Chairman's Report:

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to stay cheerful and focused??

It is probably an understatement to say that this year has been one of 'challenges' ?? (I do prefer to use 'challenge' instead of 'difficulty').

Although you all gave sterling support to the cutting during the late summer of 2019 and the pitches looked in good shape for the coming season, the Autumn / Winter was so wet, it's a wonder any games were played.

Added to what must have been existing tremendous frustration, the advent of C-19, lockdown and the decision to end the football season early, can only have brought a complete sense of 'let down ' to players and coaches alike?

As I write this report, there does seem to be some light at the end of an extremely long tunnel, so we can only hope that progress continues.

From an economic perspective, this has had a negative impact on Longmead's income as, I am sure, it has for all the clubs, too. If you have any concerns about the coming contributions to Longmead, please do discuss this with me.

We do have some positive news: a new Treasurer, Clare Bruton – Young, has volunteered to join us after an appeal by Tracy on the Nextdoor Hemyock website. We welcome Clare to Longmead and hope she enjoys her time with us. I for one, am most grateful!

Also, Trish Slater has enthusiastically moved Longmead Environmental Active Project (LEAP) forward, with the help of Hemyock Parish Council and many volunteers planting bulbs, making planters, so beginning the reclamation of this area from nature. Our thanks to her and her 'ground force'.

Following years of getting stung retrieving footballs from the ditch, the senior footballers erected a net to prevent this happening if they (or the opposition) were off target!!, although it hasn't seen a lot of use yet. My thanks to them for their work digging holes and painting the posts.

Following some conflict over use of the social area, two of us met with the Tennis Club reps to formulate a solution, which will go ahead when activities return to near-normal (watch this space) in the future.

We have had more than our fair share of machinery ups and downs as usual, but the dry weather in April and May has helped the cutters keep the pitches under control. My sincere thanks to those who have mowed while 'social distancing' and cutting the whole field each time. Longmead couldn't manage without you.

It appears to me that the large football pitch will need some work after this next season, particularly the goal mouths, so your thoughts on this will be welcome before we talk to contractors about it.

The Parish Council have been talking to a 'Men's Shed' group about a site at Longmead and we had a presentation by their working group in January 2020. It was suggested by LMG the area below the play park was a good site and would help to tidy up this area, too. We await further details on progress in due course.

I am sure we can continue to move forward despite the challenges that we will face this coming year and Longmead will continue to be a successful and popular venue for local sports.

My sincere thanks to you all, once again, for all the input you show in practical and other ways to keep this facility succeeding.

Long may it continue !!

Ian McCulloch

Chair

Longmead Management Group

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6) Finance. As we still have no Treasurer, IMC will continue to pay monies and look after the finance of Longmead.

The accounts have to be verified by an external auditor when completed. IMC provided a report to 8th June. Current account - £1165.42, deposit account - £6038.82.

7) Club Reports:

Reports received from Hemyock Tennis Club, Hemyock FC and Hemyock Youth FC. and circulated prior to the meeting. The Netball club did not submit a report. KP confirmed the club is active.

8) Longmead Environmental Action Project (LEAP) Report:

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

9) Any other business: None

Date of next Annual General Meeting: Monday 14th June 2021