

Minutes

Houghton Field Association

The Pavilion - 7.30pm Monday December 9th 2013

Present

Committee Hazel McSweeney (Acting Chair) Ann Sleath (Secretary), Amanda Bennett, Iain Munro, Heather Hill, Ian Hill, Simon Thodey, Tony Barrowcliffe, Steve Goodman, Geoff Thomas, Oliver Franks.

John Siddons to replace Peter Ashby as Scout Representative

Huw Francis to replace Scott Sims as PC representative

Appointed by Village Organisations Jim Funnell for the Cricket Club.

The Committee agreed the appointment of Jim Funnell

1. Acting Chairman's welcome

2. Apologies Scott Sims, Peter Ashby, Mike Welsh, Barbara Scase, Steve Bright, Mark Brown, Sue Sutton

Simon Thodey – summary of the valuation of the land.

Valuation per acre was £446.00- £962.

Valuation for the land required for the proposed Clubhouse is £250.00

Total site area is 1812sq. meters which includes the clubhouse area of approximately 154 sq. meters

ST said that the Tennis Club would like to go back to the proposed one lease for the whole area, not just a lease for the land for the proposed clubhouse. If HFA would agree to this then because the Tennis Club would be paying a market rent for the site there was no need to go back to the Charity Commission. He said this lease had already been approved by the solicitor and the lease just required a couple of changes because of the law, area, signatories and price. The Tennis Club have already agreed to pay £640 for the court area and will pay an additional £250 giving a total initial rent of £890.00.

ST said that the lease was agreed, subject to Charity Commission approval earlier in 2013. In that lease the initial rent for both the courts and the land for the proposed clubhouse was £606.

ST went on to say that the HFA solicitor had told him that should there be a claim against HFA Committee members for wrongly allowing the lease then the claim would be limited to the amount of the contract and therefore a relatively small amount per person.

HM then read from the advisory notes supplied to her by the solicitor acting for HFA.

Who said *"On many grounds, I cannot advise the Association or its trustees to enter into the lease."*

