

Subject:	Nine Acres Report
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For information	
A copy of the minutes of latest Nine Acres meeting is included below.	
For info and actions, refence should also be made to:	
1 Access to Green Spaces Report (22/7/22) and	
2 Report on the OALC training day on Parks, Play areas and equipment, sport and fitness areas.	
Summary of decisions or actions requested:	
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Financial implications:	
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Communications:	
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NINE ACRES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Notes from the meeting of Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Phil Morgan, Clarrie Haynes, Nick Johnson, Ron Smith, Gareth Benfield.

Apologies: Paul Jenkins, Martin Jukes, Janet Burroughs, John Fitzgerald, Steven Fitzgerald, Mandy Cooper.

Previous notes: Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising: The tennis court LED light fittings is still 'work in progress'.

Chairman: No report in Paul's absence.

Treasurer: Clarrie reported a healthy state of affairs. The Current Acc held £2,286, the Pavilion held £6,096, the Hard Surface Acc held £17,161, the Management Acc held £3,824. TOTAL: £27,105.

The Thomas Gifford Trust has requested a 50% contribution to the cost of maintenance of our shared foul sewage system. Clarrie suggested that this should be subject to a negotiated agreement. The Football Club shares this facility as well – perhaps the three Treasurers could meet and formalise a three-way split for the future.

Senior Football: the 1st X1 had a decent season and retained its league position.

Youth Football: Again it was noted that the progression of individuals from Youth teams to Senior level is very gratifying. The annual 6 a side competition was hugely successful and raised over £4K!

The Presentations Evening was also a great success.

Tennis: The back nets are to be replaced. Locking post-hole caps are also to be fitted. There is a need to have a secure locker within the court area for storage of posts and nets.

Pavilion: The re-decoration of the changing-rooms is another 'work in progress'.

Children's Play Area: Two new items of play equipment have received grant funding (£17K) for a large climbing pyramid and a ground-level trampoline. These will be installed in early October by Trevor Stewart, our maintainer. Our thanks go to Nick Johnson who pursued the grant application so tenaciously.

Football Club: This is trading well.

Other Business:

- It was concluded that the new picnic benches should be left un-fixed. People appreciated being able to rearrange them at will.
- The three litter bins at the rear of the Community Centre are clearly insufficient during the summer months – often over-flowing.

Addendum: A meeting between NAMC officers and Town Councillors took place on Tues 12th July to discuss access points to Nine Acres. Cllr Claire Wilding explained that she was looking at possible grant aid for improving access to public green spaces. After a walking tour, it was agreed that, although access

was sufficient, it could be improved. A specific point from the Enstone Road close to the Medical Centre was identified as was the boundary pathway and improved signage which might meet the bid criteria.