

**MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION & SPORT: MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** 13 August 2024

**Present:** Peter Watts (Chair) Paul Romney (Treasurer)  
 Nikki Mitchell (Secretary) Tony Price (Touch Rugby)  
 Barbara Price (Parish Council) Clare Chalkley (Vixens)  
 Linda Palombo (SH Walking Football) Rodney Bomford (Bridge Club)  
 Jamie Anning (SH Walking Football) Dave Trigger (Parish Council)  
 George Rosevear (Independent)

**Apologies:** Steve Comley, Kim Clifford,  
 Clare Chalkley, Mike Marchant

AGENDA ITEM	COMMENT	ACTION	BY WHOM
1. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11 June 2024	Matters arising or carried forward from meeting on 11 June 2024 were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New lighting scheme</li> <li>• Source replacement projector screen</li> <li>• Skate ramps – see notes as MPC has now assumed responsibility for the consultation</li> <li>• Purchase and erect 'No dogs' signage</li> </ul>	Ongoing Ongoing Complete Complete	PR NJM
2. TREASURER'S REPORT	Year 2 pitch maintenance funding of approximately £4000 now applied for. £11,368 in the bank £90 in cash.  The audit of MARS accounts is almost complete. There is nothing to report. Full details to follow in due course.		
3. REGULAR USERS UPDATE	MRJFC: KH confirmed the club should be starting back at the end of August. An under 16s team playing Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Also pleased to report the younger group is continuing which is exciting. They've had new interest with potentially two under 11 teams and a girls' team. Kath was pleased to report interest from a number of dads who were undertaking coaching exams.		

KH asked whether the nets on the rolling goals need attention. Peter confirmed that MARS were dealing with these.

Vixens: Nothing to report.

South Hams Walking Football: Linda thanked MARS for the condition of the pitch and reported that the team had played a tournament on Sunday, which they had won. The visiting Sussex team provided positive feedback and said that they loved the environment. Noted that they had not played on grass so a very different experience.

Linda said Modbury was becoming synonymous with walking football, and that most matches are played on G4 surfaces. She asked whether MARS had considered applying for funding. PR explained that Sport England won't support an artificial surface over grass, nor will the FA fund, future maintenance and replacement of the surface which means it would be a significant liability.

The team is currently looking for winter facilities and need to book for 2026 now.

Walkaball: SC sent an email to say activity is currently being enjoyed by an increasing group on a Thursday evening. Aimed at people with long term illness and health issues.

Touch rugby: reported the touch rugby was a little subdued over the side due to the weather and holidays.

Bridge: RB reported the length of the sessions have now been extended which makes life much easier. Pleased that 37 people attended this week and seems the club is regularly operating at this sort of level. Planning to offer a course for beginners and RB said the current group has also stimulated Kingsbridge to reopen their bridge club for the first time since Covid, which is great news.

	<p>NHS: PW reported the return of the NHS cardiac recovery sessions every Tuesday from the 20th of August. Noted this is a large revenue stream for the pavilion and great for the south hams to have the return of this important service.</p> <p>Tennis: nothing to report</p> <p>Scouts: nothing to report</p> <p>Cricket: nothing to report</p> <p>Taekwondo: nothing to report</p>		
<p>4. ONGOING MAINTENANCE</p>	<p><b>Field</b></p> <p><u>Lighting scheme</u> – ongoing. See field lighting improvement proposal.</p> <p><u>Pitches</u> – maintenance ongoing. Nothing else to report. PR mentioned that the quality of the pitch is a direct result of the funding and verti-draining/top dressing that has been carried out over the last year or two.</p> <p><u>Skate ramps</u> – BP attended a youth engagement seminar. Advice was not to bother with a questionnaire. Instead, MPC has been advised to approach our young people rather than expect them to come to us.</p> <p>Recommendation is to consult on what they think they need, but don't raise expectations. Parish Council plan to undertake a full consultation program with professional help and this is now an agenda item to finance the costs in the next budget year. BP said MARS can now remove this subject from our agenda.</p> <p><u>Lean to</u> - PR/PW have built a 'lean to' with pallets near the cricket nets to house the quadra plate. Now needs a roof and cladding (with corrugated tin). PR said we may need to spend up to £500 to finish the project if materials cannot be sourced locally free of charge which the committee approved.</p>	<p><b>Proceed with new lighting scheme</b></p>	<p><b>PR/PW</b></p>

	<p><u>Car park</u> - the committee also discussed erecting signage in the main car park to ask visitors not to block the entrance to the overflow car park. PR said he would source this.</p> <p><b>Pavilion</b> Boiler has now been serviced.</p> <p>Slabs outside pavilion due to be replaced in the coming week with concrete. The fence has now been repaired and there are plans to erect a new noticeboard provided by the parish council.</p> <p>PW said the local fire service had suggested the emergency lighting specification for the building was in their opinion excessive. The committee agreed that further guidance should be sought before proceeding with the recommendation to replace all emergency lights. PR confirmed he has received the regulations and guidance to carry out an assessment.</p>	<p><b>Purchase signage for entrance to overflow car park</b></p> <p><b>Seek further advice regarding emergency lighting requirements for the Pavilion – considered high priority</b></p>	<p><b>PR/PW</b></p> <p><b>PR/ PW</b></p>
5.HEALTH & SAFETY	<p>RB reported a ramp that appears to have been installed informally by field users which he said looked very dangerous as it is near a tree stump. He felt it could pose a problem if someone using the facilities had an accident as a direct result of the ramp.</p> <p>The committee discussed and agreed the ramp should be dismantled otherwise the responsibility for maintenance and any resulting accidents would shift to MARs.</p>	<p><b>Dismantle the informal ramp near the copse</b></p>	<p><b>PR/PW</b></p>
6. MRT UPDATE	<p>Constitution for the charity to be considered at the next parish council meeting along with a heads of terms.</p> <p>The main lease should be approved and drafted soon.</p> <p>The license for the scout hut will be renewed with the trust.</p> <p>The license for the tennis club is more complex as this has to be granted under a lease because of the exclusive use.</p>	<p><b>Circulate draft Heads of Terms when available</b></p>	<p><b>BP</b></p>

	RB commented that as the trust is a charity, if individual donations were made in the future, then the donor should be able to claim income tax relief and the trust will be able to claim an uplift.		
7. AOB	None.		
8. NEXT MEETING	Second Tuesday of every other month. 8pm @ QEII Pavilion. Scheduled meeting dates as follows:  Tuesday 8 October 2024 Tuesday 10 December 2024 Tuesday 11 February 2025 Tuesday 8 April 2025		