

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee
held on Monday 24th February 2014**

Present:	Committee members	Non-committee Members
	Cllr T Day	Cllr N Ireland
	Cllr K Cresswell	Cllr D Muller
	Cllr R Warburton	Cllr K Rushby (part)
	Cllr J Fox	Cllr I Bennett
	Cllr S Sandhu	Cllr B Payton
	Cllr J Patten	Two members of Etwall Bowls Club

- 404 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Adcock
- 405 **Declaration of interests**- All members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.
- 406 **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2013** – Already approved at full Council meeting
- 407 **Public Speaking** - Mr Harrison from Etwall Bowls Club explained that the club had 11 teams playing 150 matches per season and that there were 10 men and 8 ladies per team. Over time the green had deteriorated and last year more was spent on the green than was received in income. Professional help had been sought to improve the green and a great deal of work had already been done. The club's only income was from subscriptions and membership was falling, partly due to the lack of floodlights which extended the playing season and the cost of subscriptions. Details of income and expenditure had been provided to the Parish Council together with a financial forecast. Attempts had been made to obtain sponsorship and seek grants but without success. Financial assistance with the pavilion hire costs and maintenance of the bowling green was requested.
- 408 **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2013** – These had already been approved at a meeting of the full council.
- 409 **Request for Financial Assistance from the Bowls Club** – As the bowling green was owned by the Parish Council, it was felt that financial assistance should be given to the Bowls Club for its maintenance. The Youth Recreation and Allotments spend against budget to be looked at to find areas where there had been an underspend. The donations budget was also to be looked at together with the possibility of the Frank Wickham Hall charging only a peppercorn rent for a limited period. Suggestions to be passed to the Bowls Club included encouraging use of the bowling green by the Primary/Secondary Schools. Contacting Ian Hey at SDDC for advice on grants. Approval was given to the payment of an invoice from Broughton's for top dressing at a cost of £89.00 excluding VAT.
- 410 **Date of next meeting** – To be decided.

Signed Date