

To: Members of Lacock Parish Council

From: Ron George

Date: 4thth January 2018

Subject: Recreation Ground: Report Number 6: December 2017/ January 2018

1 PURPOSE : To provide below, details of progress and activities during the period.

2 THE RECREATION GROUND

- Arrangements are in place for the hedges which surround the ground to receive their annual cut. The contractor`s progress has been delayed by recent wet weather. The lower limbs of any tree branches which overhang the football field will be trimmed as part of this process.
- Following the meeting held with the National Trust on the 27th October to discuss the extension of the children`s play area the Trust have forwarded details of the contractor who has provided systems which are used within the Abbey site. Once details of the proposed development have been agreed and costed members approval will be sought and planning times for financial commitments agreed. Part of the process will involve consideration of this becoming a phased project, with the PC funding costs in 2018 and the NT during 2019.
- The football pitch is regularly cut, marked weekly and very well maintained by our current contractor. Both football clubs are performing well within their respective Leagues, with Luxor Saint Andrew top of the Trowbridge League and FC Lacock in the middle of the Chippenham Sunday League Premiership division.
- The recent wet weather has disrupted plans to further improve the area around the old pavilion but it is hoped to complete this work later in January.
- The entrance to the field remains very wet and the National Trust have been reminded that they have committed to undertake the necessary repairs.

3 COMMUNITY SPORTS AND SOCIAL PAVILION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Following approval at the November meeting for LABOX to complete the final phase of its planned consultation it was agreed that discussion with user groups would happen in December; that a planning scheme would be available to the National Trust by Christmas and that the public exhibition of findings could occur in February 2018. The architect wrote to request user contact details and following a Village Hall Committee meeting it has been arranged that the Chair of that Committee will convene a meeting of the main users during this month. Whilst this has delayed a preliminary report to the National Trust it should not delay the planned exhibition of findings in February. Details will be made available for the February Parish Council meeting.

