



Chairman's Report – May 2018

Housing Development

The full planning process was finally concluded, and the new 25-year lease was signed, in December 2017. Our football and rugby teams continued to have access to the full playing field until the end of the 2017/2018 season.

Health & Safety Issue

On advice from our insurers, use of the sports-hall has been reduced to day-time only because of slippery floor issues during evenings. This has unfortunately displaced our basketball, badminton and hockey teams. The remedial work required entails new flooring and the addition of mechanical air-handling, at a cost of over £100k. We simply don't have adequate funds available for this work, so the Club Directors are proceeding with the proposal to convert the sports-hall into a play-barn. An application for funding has been submitted to Horsham District Council.

Finances

In 2017 we achieved a net profit of circa £6k, which was down from £17k in 2016.

The Club needs to increase income so that we ultimately achieve a profit of circa £50k per annum year-on-year. To that end, the Executive Committee of the Club are actively considering various options which would generate additional income to fund maintenance and improvements at the Club.

Change of Directors

At the May 2018 AGM two Company Directors, Ray Sutton and Neil Morrison, will be standing down from the Executive Committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for their efforts over the past few years.

Club Facilities

Whilst our financial position is not strong, it's important that the Club remains attractive to new and existing members. So:

- 2017 saw the long-awaited upgrade to the TVs in the main pavilion, with 2 new HD projectors, 3 large screen TVs and an improved audio system.
- We added a new indoor cycle studio and launched a revamped class timetable.
- New cardio gym equipment will arrive in May 2018.
- Online booking for PAYP sport will soon be available, along with our new website.

Membership

Membership of the Club has levelled at approx. 1900 members. The introduction of the 'Premier' membership category, which offers Peak Gym, plus all fitness classes & Unlimited Sport, for one convenient (& competitive) price of just £38 per month, has been a great success and it is hoped more members will transfer to this option.

Simon Charman
The Holbrook Club Chairman