Minutes of the Sports Committee meeting held on Monday 23 March 2026, in Suite 2, Taverham Village Hall, commencing at 7.35pm when there were present:

Mrs J Latchford was in the Chair

Mrs B Clarke	Mrs S Parkinson
Mr N Dack	Mr T Yousefian
Mr S Matthews	

Also present: Clerk and 2 parishioners

Apologies for absence: Mrs Karimi-Ghovanlou

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None

The Minutes of the meetings held on 1 September, 27 October and 15 December 2025 were agreed and then signed by the Chairman.

Report items
Mole Control: The contract for the control of the mole population at Hinks Meadow had been agreed.

The current budget picture was received.

Football Club and Tennis Club representatives' forum
A representative of the Tennis Club attended the meeting and enquired about progress on the tennis court project. Members were pleased to report that an earmarked reserve had been established for the project, supplemented by reallocating funds from elsewhere within the Sports Committee budget and by including £20,000 in the 2026/27 precept. The Clerk further advised that some underspends were still to be allocated, and that the combination of the earmarked reserve and anticipated Community Infrastructure Levy income from the Marriott's Park development, due around April 2027, should provide sufficient funding to enable the courts to be rebuilt.
Although no up-to-date costings were available, it was noted that the estimated cost of rebuilding the courts, replacing the lighting, fencing and gates, and potentially appointing a project manager, could be in the region of £300,000. Any works to the pavilion may need to form a second phase of the project, subject to overall costs.
Broadland District Council had arranged a meeting for April to discuss sports provision requirements in Taverham and to offer support. The Tennis Club representative reported that the club currently had 50 members and provided coaching to 100 children, all of whom were very keen to see a new tennis facility delivered.
The Taverham Football Club Chairman was in attendance. He requested that the Council arranges for arisings from future tree works be removed from the Hinks Meadow site as youngsters were moving branches to the football pitches causing an obstruction for players and maintenance contractors. He asked if the area immediately within the vehicle gate could be tidied. The Clerk advised that the Council had no storage space for large items that required disposal and that a skip would be ordered if there were sufficient number of items.
The Club Chairman also reported that the pitches were looking healthy at this point in the season, but stated that the 7v7 pitch would be subject to heavy usage soon. He enquired whether the pitch could be over-seeded early whilst the soil remained moist.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Signed…….. Dated……