

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 January 2010

Present: Cllr S Whiffen (Chair), Cllr I Barratt, Cllr A Gunnett & Cllr E Nunn

In Attendance: Ian Bandey (All Saints), John Howarth (Brixworth Juniors)

10/001r Apologies: Cllr B Chattaway, Cllr M Lacey, Cllr E Wiig, Cllr S Pointer, Ben Foster (AFC Crown) and Chris Timm (Brixworth Cricket Club), Steve Shatford (Bective Wanderers)

10/002r Declarations of interest:

Cllr Whiffen declared a personal interest – lives adjacent to the Ashway Playing Field.

10/003r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2009 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

10/004r Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Ashway Playing Field – freestanding goal has been anchored and is being monitored.
2. Ashway Playing Field – the hedges have been trimmed.
3. St. David's Recreation Ground – the swing seat and litter bin have been replaced.
4. Dog Fouling – Brixworth Juniors to consider competition to design campaign poster/flyer.
5. Football Metal Pegs – the teams have agreed to buy and use only plastic pegs.

Spratton Road Recreation Ground:

10/005r New Handrail to Footpath

We are still awaiting further details before procuring estimates and seeking approval.

Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms

10/006r Chain Harrowing & Sand for Football Pitches

It was agreed to approve the cost of £148 to Dave Salisbury for chain harrowing the two football pitches, and supplying and spreading sand in the goalmouth areas as needed.

10/007r Car Park Surface

It was noted that longer term solutions could cost between £5k (fine gravel) and £10k (tarmac). Although the occasional flooding in one corner of the car park caused some inconvenience (temporary loss of parking spaces), it was felt that we were unable to justify such significant expenditure to resolve the issue.

St. David's Recreation Ground

10/008r Chain Harrowing & Sand for Football Pitches

It was agreed to approve the cost of £167 to Dave Salisbury for chain harrowing the three football pitches including the training area, and supplying and spreading sand in the goalmouth areas as needed. It was noted that the top goal was jammed, meaning that it could not be put away, leading to increased occasional use of the goal area.

10/009r Grass Cuttings

It was agreed to approve the cost of £150 each for two skips for the removal of the grass cuttings with a view to only needing one skip next year.

10/010r Improvements to Facilities

There had been site meetings on Sunday 22 and Friday 27 November. It was agreed that contractors would be invited to provide costed proposals for the tennis court and the mound slide before making any further decisions on improvements.

10/011r Central Sports Lease & Car Park

It was agreed that a meeting needs to be arranged with Central Sports to discuss these issues.

10/012r Tree Work

It was agreed to approve the cost of £480 to E M Pell & Partners for tree work.

10/013r Hedge Trimming

It was agreed to approve the cost of £480 to E M Pell & Partners for hedge trimming. It was requested that the contractor remove all debris.

10/014r BMX/Skate Facility

Cllr Whiffen reported that the Parish Council was seeking legal advice in respect of the land rights relating to the proposed site.

10/015r Quarterly Play Equipment Maintenance Inspection

The inspection reports were noted and it was agreed as follows:

- a) Spratton Road Recreation Ground: monitor junior swing (chunk cut out), note small cut in base of cradle swing, note metal gate poor but not used, monitor chipped edges of concrete steps
- b) St. David's Recreation Ground: monitor rot on venture wood trail, note one post of play area gates twisted in ground, monitor pitted surface and small holes in tennis court, note trip points in tennis court, note one wood slat missing on mound slide, note concrete exposed at top and sides and general condition of mound slide shabby, note low risk trip points on mound slide, note few sections of red play area fencing loose in ground near gate
- c) Ashway Playing Field & Changing Rooms: no action required

10/016r Risk Assessments

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had reviewed the risk assessments and had no major issues and made them available for other members of the committee to look at if they wanted to. It was agreed to monitor the situation with the slide at St. David's Recreation Ground.

10/017r Special Events Agreement Form

It was agreed to email a copy of the form to all of the sports clubs for reference as they will be required to agree to its terms for future events.

10/018r Any other business

- a) Mobile Cinema – Cllr Nunn provided a brief report on the village's opportunity to take advantage of the mobile cinema facility subsidised by Daventry District Council. It was agreed that it was a good idea but further details were needed and some clear indication of the demand for such a facility within the village. Cllr Nunn will find out more details about the profit sharing arrangements (would we need to share just any profit on tickets rather than e.g. refreshments?) and Cllr Barratt will find out the deadline for inclusion of a questionnaire in the Bulletin.
- b) It was agreed to consider the cricket club's request for continuation of its arrangements at the full Parish Council meeting on 26 January.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 March 2010