

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 July 2010

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

In Attendance: John Howarth (Brixworth Juniors FC) & Ben Foster (AFC Crown)

10/047r Apologies: Ian Bandey (BASFC)

10/048r Declarations of interest:

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

10/049r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting(s):

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2010 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

10/050r Matters arising from the minutes:

1. St. David's Recreation Ground – the agreed repairs to the mound slide and to the ground tiles around the cockerel bounce and rocking horse have been completed.
2. Long Term Development Plan – Cllr Whiffen will liaise with the Parish Clerk to set up some site meetings to progress.
3. Ashway Playing Fields – new signs – Cllr Whiffen will report to the next meeting.

Spratton Road Recreation Ground:

10/051r Hedge Trimming

It was agreed to approve the trimming of the hedge by Brixworth Landscaping for £335 subject to the cost including all clearing up and being no more than 5% above last year's cost.

Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms

10/052r Freestanding Goals – Replacement Wheels

Four wheels on one of the freestanding junior goal posts have gone missing. The options of like for like replacement at £133.40 or more secure sealed units at £185 (both plus £9 carriage) were discussed and it was agreed to approve the purchase of the sealed units from ESPO. John Howarth will try to arrange for the soldering of the four wheels on the other freestanding junior goal post at no cost to the Parish Council.

10/053r Marking of Senior & Junior Football Pitches

It was agreed to approve the marking out of the senior and junior football pitches by Dave Salisbury at a cost of £160 plus VAT.

10/054r Official Access

The committee considered a request from a resident for the construction of an official entry/exit point to the south-west corner. Cllr Barratt referred to a previous questionnaire to the local residents which had received a very poor response rate. In view of this and the current economic climate, it was agreed not to approve the request at this time and to ask the Parish Clerk to advise the resident in question.

10/055r Availability of Senior Pitch on Saturdays

It was noted that, following Bective Wanderer's decision not to register for the league this season, the senior pitch is available on Saturday afternoons.

St. David's Recreation Ground

10/056r Central Sports Lease & Car Park

Cllr Whiffen has had an initial discussion with a representative from Central Sports who he will be meeting on 2 August before reporting back to the next meeting.

10/057r Risk Assessments

The committee considered the current risk assessments and it was agreed to ask the Parish Clerk about risk reference 188 as it is believed that the scaffold bar across the entrance from St. David's Close is now unsecured.

10/058r Any other business

St. David's Recreation Ground – Cllr Pointer feels that considerable work is still needed to improve access to the recreation ground and the safety of the children's play area. Cllr Whiffen will raise the issues with the Parish Clerk and include them in the consideration of the development plan, giving safety issues the highest priority.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 September 2010