

# **BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 March 2011**

**Present:** Cllr S Pointer (Chair), Cllr I Barratt and Cllr J Fitzgerald

**In Attendance:** Cllr Bament, Jane Macken (Parish Clerk ), Ian Bandey (BASFC), Russell Parsons (BCC), one member of the public.

**11/011r Apologies:** Cllr E Nunn

**11/012r Declarations of interest:** None

**11/013r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2011 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

**11/014r Matters arising from the minutes:**

St Davids Recreation Ground –

- Two tonnes of sand has been distributed over the three football pitches

**Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms**

***11/015r Report on Damage to Car Park Gate***

The ground staff have repaired the damaged to the car park entrance. The person responsible for the damage had until the end of February to repair it, but had not responded to telephone calls or a letter, which had been sent. As agreed by the Council an invoice of £166 is to be sent to this person for the cost of the new post, new gate hinges and labour.

***11/016r Thank You Letter – New Entrance***

It was noted that an email had been received from a resident thanking the Council for the new entrance on the playing field.

**St David's Recreation Ground**

***11/017r Installation of an Electric Socket in the Shed***

The groundstaff have enquired whether an electric socket can be installed in the shed. The Clerk is to look into the feasibility of this being done.

***11/018r Security of Equipment***

It was agreed to look into the possibility of using smart water on the equipment in the shed.

### **11/019r Report on Tender for Annual Grounds Maintenance (2011-2013)**

The Clerk reported that she had received three tenders for the Annual Grounds maintenance of the sports pitches for the next three years (2011 – 2013).

Quotation One           £4,195

Quotation Two           £5,900

Quotation Three       £4,700

This is to be considered at the Full Council meeting. The committee recommends that the Council accept quotation one.

### **11/020r r Report on Quarterly Play Equipment Maintenance Inspection**

The Clerk reported that the grounds man had carried out the quarterly playground inspection in March 2011 and the following points were noted: -

#### **Ashway Playing Field**

Loose paving slabs around changing rooms – part time grounds man to refix.  
Part of one down pipe missing

#### **St David's Recreation Ground**

Cradle swing seat bent – to be monitored by grounds man  
Gate to play area – gate post twisted, low risk of trap point  
Tennis court – Rough playing surface, holes in fence, low risk trap point on gate  
Chain link fencing – small holes  
Mound Slide – concrete exposed (soil erosion)

#### **Spratton Road Recreation Ground**

Playground sign removed due to damage – needs replacing

It was resolved to order the following playground signs at a cost of £13.47 each plus fixings: -

2 No. St Davids Rec. Grd.

1 No. Spratton Road Rec. Grd

1 No. Ashway PF

### **11/021r Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge**

The aim of the QEII fields challenge is to protect outdoor recreational spaces and facilities for communities now and for generations to come whilst providing a focal point for celebrations in 2012. Some of the benefits are to protect access to outdoor space, raising awareness for the importance of such facilities in the context of quality of life, health, the environment and amenity.

Fields in trust exists to safeguard fields through legal means by placing covenants on the land, meaning they have to remain fields forever. The applicant must own the land it is putting forward. People will vote for their favourite outdoor space and 2012 will be chosen. It is not a grant aid programme but some funding might be available.

Following a discussion it was agreed to refer this matter to the Full Council to consider which 'field' it may wish to nominate.

**11/022r Exercise Equipment**

The committee discussed the possibility of having exercise equipment for the recreation grounds and playing fields. The Clerk agreed to obtain information.

**Any other business**

***11/023r Brixworth Junior FC Fun Day***

The Annual Junior FC Fun Day is to be held on Sunday 15 May 2011 from 8.30am – 5.00pm on St David's Recreation Ground. A special events agreement form has been completed.

***11/024r Fencing for Cricket Square***

The cricket club has not been able to fence off the cricket square this winter, but will be looking to do so during the next winter.

***11/025r Senior Goal Posts – St David's Recreation Ground***

It was confirmed that the goal posts on St David's Recreation Ground belong to the football clubs and are the clubs responsibility.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 May 2011