

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 July 2011

Present: Cllr S Pointer (Chair), Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr I Barratt, Cllr M Lacey, Cllr Ward and Cllr D Parnaby

In Attendance: Cllr C Bament, Jane Macken (Parish Clerk), Pete Anscombe (BASFC) and Andy Brookes (Brixworth Scout Group)

11/038r Apologies: Cllr E Nunn, Cllr E Wiig, Ian Bandey (BASFC), Jon Howarth (BJFC) and Ben Foster (AFC Crown)

11/039r Declarations of interest: None

11/040r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2011 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

11/041r Matters arising from the minutes: None

Spratton Road Recreation Ground

11/042r Request for All Weather surface in Play Area

A letter from a resident had been received, enquiry whether the Council would give consideration for providing funding for an all weather, safety play surface within the exiting pre-school play area on Spratton Recreation ground. The resident is concerned that during the winter months the equipment becomes covered in mud, making it unusable for the young children. Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that it would not be feasible at this time to consider changing the safer surface. It was noted that the equipment had been installed in 2007 and the surface alone cost £4,000. To lay a wetpour safer surface would cost in the region of £100 per square metre.

Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms

11/043r Weed Control of Ground

It was resolved to approve the weed control of the sports pitches by Complete weed control, at a cost of £247.00.

11/044r Report on Damage to Junior Goal Post

One of the support arms has been broken, a replacement set has been purchased at a cost of £60.00. Welder to repair the posts.

11/045r Marking Out Junior and Senior Pitches

It was resolved to approve for Dave Salisbury to mark out the Junior and Senior Pitch of the Ashway Playing Field at a cost of approximately £170.00.

St David's Recreation Ground

11/046r Weed Control of Ground £318.00

It was resolved to approve the weed control of the sports pitches by Complete weed control, at a cost of £318.00.

11/047r Request for Additional Fence in Play Area

An email from a resident had been received concerned about the possible damage to their fence during the summer months, which backs onto the play area. The resident suggests that the Council installs an additional fence to stop the youths damaging the fences belonging to the houses. It was noted that the fence had been damaged last year. Following a discussion, concerns were raised that the residents would not be able to maintain their own fence if the Council installed an additional fence. It was resolved not to install a fence at this time, but to consider the matter when the play area is looked at for redeveloping.

11/048r Charity 6 a side Football Tournament – 21 August 2011

It was noted that Brixworth All Saints FC have organised a charity 6 aside tournament on 21 August 2011.

11/049r New Electric Socket for Shed

The Clerk reported that the electrician has now installed a new electric socket in the shed, for the purpose of charging chargers.

11/050r Weed Control of Pocket Park £48.00

It was resolved to approve the weed control of the grassed area by Complete weed control, at a cost of £48.00.

11/051r Enquiry for the Planting of Trees within the Parish

A letter from the Scout Group had been received, enquiring whether the Council has any land on which to plant a number of trees. It was agreed to carry out a site visit to the various sites around the village.

Any other business

11/052r Marking of pitches on St David's

It was agreed that Clubs may 'permanently' mark the football pitches during the season, to prevent having to measure out the pitch each week during bad weather. However this situation is to be monitored, concerns were raised that excess use creates ruts in the ground, which cause costly damage to the ground and a trip hazard.

11/053r Enquiry for Dog Show on Ashway Playing Field

An email had been received enquiring whether it would be possible to use the Ashway Playing Field for a Charity Dog Show in aid of the Dog Trust charity.

It was resolved to allow the Charity Dog Show to have free use of the field, on condition that it was a non for profit event, open to all, public liability insurance and risk assessment would be required.

11/054r Replacement Cradle Swing Seat – St David's Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that a new cradle swing seat is required for St David's Recreation Ground play area, at a cost of approximately £100.

11/055r Damage to Ashway Playing Field Car Park Gate

The Clerk has still not heard from the young person who damaged the gate. It was agreed to ask the Local Police to look into the matter and to see if the Council could get a witness statement. It was noted in order to send a solicitors letter or to use the small claims court would incur additional costs.

11/056r Trim Trail – St David's Recreation Ground

It was noted that one of the stepping logs had split and needed replacing.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 September 2011