

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 September 2011

Present: Cllr S Pointer (Chair), Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr I Barratt, Cllr M Lacey, Cllr K Parker, Cllr E Nunn, Cllr E Wiig

In Attendance: Jane Macken (Parish Clerk), Ian Bandey (BASFC), Ben Foster (AFC Crown) and Jon Howarth (BJFC)

Cllr Parker was duly elected a member of the committee.

11/057r Apologies: Cllr Parnaby

11/058r Declarations of interest: None

11/059r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2011 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

11/060r Matters arising from the minutes:

It was noted that the following work had been carried out – sports pitches weed control, repair to Junior Goal Post on Ashway Playing Field, Marking of pitches, replace cradle swing. No further news on the dog show.

Spratton Road Recreation Ground

11/061r Garden Waste on Recreation Ground

Following a site visit to the recreation ground, it was noted that some residents in New Street are tipping garden waste onto the field. It was agreed for the Clerk to send a letter to all the residents, who back onto the field to politely ask them not to tip any garden waste onto the ground.

Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms

11/062r Trimming of the Hedge

It was resolved to approve Roger Heygate to trim the hedge at a cost of £100.00.

St David's Recreation Ground

11/063r Line Marking of the Football Pitches

It was noted that currently the Council only pays for the marking of the pitches on the Ashway Playing Field, because the changing rooms and senior pitch is let out to other clubs either on a match basis or season basis.

Currently the cricket club, senior and junior football clubs all pay £845.32 a year (Total £2,535.96) towards the annual maintenance of the sports pitches on St Davids,

which has cost the council £3,178.00 this year. It was resolved, as a one off, to approve to pay for the marking of the senior pitch on St David's at a cost of £85.00.

During the discussion it was agreed to write to Central Sports to ask whether it would be possible for members of the Council to either attend a meeting or be a Council representative on the committee.

Cllr I Barratt and Cllr E Nunn arrived

11/064r St David's Regeneration Working Group

The Chairman reported that a regeneration-working group has been set up to look at the tennis court, play area and fencing on St David's. The Chairman showed a plan, which he had received from a playground supplier, to give an idea of what can be provided for the area. It was agreed to hold the first meeting on a Tuesday before the next Council meeting and to invite members of the sports clubs and residents who back onto the car park and play area. Cllr S Pointer, Cllr K Parker, Cllr I Barratt, Cllr E Nunn and Cllr E Wiig agreed to be members of the working group.

Mr Howarth arrived

11/065r To Report on Annual Playground Inspection Report

The Clerk reported the following issues, which had been raised in the report: -

Ashway Playing Field

Metal seat – ground worn (reinstate)

Spratton Road Rec. Grd.

All Low risks

St Davids Rec. Grd.

Three bins along Froxhill Crescent have fire damage (replace or repaint)

Play area seat- worn ground (reinstate)

Chain link fencing - sharp edges due to vandalism (replace or repair)

Play ground gate - Finger entrapment. (replace of fit rubber buffer)

Ball Court – Trip hazard and loose fixtures (reinstate ground and tighten fixtures)

Storm climbing frame – Tiles need reglueing (replace or reglue)

Rocking horse – Trip hazard (reinstate ground)

Cabin slide – toggle entrapment – low risk

Embankment slide – toggle entrapment – low risk. Concrete exposed (replace or repair)

Junior Swing – worn chains. (These have been replaced since the inspection). Trip hazard (reinstate ground)

The Clerk will provide a report for the Groundsman, to include action points and items to monitor.

11/066r To Review the Costs of the Maintenance of the Recreation Grounds and to Consider Committee's Budget for 2012/13

It was agreed that money would be required for St David's Regeneration. It was decided that the working group needed to ascertain what the priorities were, to agree a budget and to discuss funding at its first meeting, in order to advise the Finance committee the sum of money it may need to consider budgeting for next year. Due to the cost of the project, it may be necessary to do the work in phases.

11/067r Annual Review of Committee's Risk Assessment

Cllr Parker agreed to look at the committee's risk assessment. This item was deferred to the next committee meeting.

Any other business

11/068r Use of Metal Pegs for Pegging Down Football Nets

AFC Crown raised the issue of using metal pegs to peg down the nets. In the user agreement form it states that plastic pegs should be used. In the past metal pegs have been left on the ground and have caused significant damage to the gang mowers. It was noted that the ground has been too hard to use plastic pegs, so the football clubs have been using metal pegs. It was suggested that perhaps the metal pegs could be painted so that they could easily be seen and to remind their members to pick up all the pegs.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 November 2011