

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION & AMENITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22 November 2011

Present: Cllr S Pointer (Chair), Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr I Barratt, Cllr E Nunn and Cllr E Wiig

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

11/069r Apologies: Cllr Parnaby

11/070r Declarations of interest: None

11/071r Approval and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2011 were agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and were signed accordingly.

11/072r Matters arising from the minutes:

It was noted that the following work had been carried out : -

- Letters sent to residents in New Street regarding garden waste on Spratton Rec.
- Ashway Playing Field hedge has been trimmed.

11/073r Spratton Road Recreation Ground

The Clerk agreed to contact the Scout Group to find out the progress on the planting of trees on the Recreation Ground.

Ashway Playing Field / Changing Rooms

11/074r Report on Request for Baby Swing

The Clerk reported that a request had been received on Facebook for a baby swing on the Ashway Playing Field. It was agreed to get a quote for a cradle swing.

11/075r Report on Repairs for Junior Goal Post

It was noted that one of the Junior Goal Posts needs welding, which the Clerk will arrange to have repaired.

St David's Recreation Ground

11/076r Report on Damage to Wooden Fencing

The Clerk reported that the fencing along Froxhill Crescent, opposite the school, had been vandalised. The Part Time Groundsman is to repair this.

11/077r Report on Central Sports Meeting

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Central Sports Committee on 10 November 2011. The main source of income is from the bar, however the sports clubs pay an annual fee for the use of the showers and changing rooms. The committee is looking to redecorate and provide new furniture. The Chairman stated that he hoped that the committee and Parish Council could work together on future projects.

Cllr I Barratt arrived

11/078r Use of Bad Language during Football Matches

The Council has recently received an email and a phone call from residents complaining about the foul language used during football matches on the Ashway and St Davids. Both Clubs have spoken to their players. The Clerk had an email from the Northants Football Association suggesting that a sign is placed in the changing rooms to remind players that the use of bad language will not be tolerated on or off the pitch, this was agreed. It was noted nowadays referees are not sending off players for excessive swearing, compared to three years ago.

11/079r Nordic Walking on Playing Fields

It was noted that the Surgeries Health Walk group wishes to use the playing fields on occasions for Nordic Walking. It was suggested that the Brampton Valley Way or the Country Park would be better suited for Nordic Walking.

11/080r Report on Quarterly Inspection of Play Areas

The Groundsman has carried out the quarterly inspection of the play equipment and the following items were brought to the committee's attention: -

Ashway Playing Field

Changing Rooms – loose slabs. To be refixed.

St Davids Rec. Grd.

Small slide – wooden frame and slates worn in places

Venture Trail – Loose posts, worn timber in places

Metal gate/fence – Twisted post

Tennis court – Poor playing surface, holes in fencing

Chain link fence – holes, needs repairing

Spratton Road Rec. Grd.

Nothing to report

11/081r Annual Review of Committee's Risk Assessment

Following the last meeting Cllr Parker has looked at the risk assessment. The committee's risk assessment was therefore approved, it was noted that there have been no changes during the year.

Any other business

11/082r New Cleaner

It was noted that a new cleaner has been appointed to clean the changing rooms.

11/083r Moulton Ladies FC

Moulton Ladies FC had enquired about using the changing rooms on 4 December 2011, however it is no longer required as they have reversed the fixture.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 January 2012