

**BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NOTES FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

1. Election of Chairman

It was noted that Tim Laker was prepared to continue as Chairman for the coming year (to be confirmed at the next meeting).

2. Apologies for absence

Kashy Hawkings (holiday), Adrian Taylor (holiday).

Graham Budd was welcomed to the meeting.

3. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

None.

4. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

The draft specification of a plaque to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Jubilee Recreation Ground had been circulated to Parish Councillors for information.

It was understood that Cllr Verney had referred the possible creation of some residents' parking spaces opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground to the WCC Parking Dept.

7. Accounts

D J Scott had delivered the Toro 74560-DH140. The Parish Council had approved the release of the remaining funds in the parish Open Space account (£811.39 + 32p for Play) to help meet the cost (cheque awaited from WCC). A grant of £500 towards the new cradle swings had been received from the HPFA.

8. Review of play area, etc

Rachael Greenwood presented a review of signage as recommended in the annual safety report. The metal sign on the hard court gate primarily listed the donors of major grants awarded in 2002. It was suggested that the text could be updated to include improvements up to the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The metal sign on the entrance gate was rather worn. It was suggested that this could be replaced with a smaller sign giving emergency contact details and the location of nearest public telephone.

The safety inspector had advised that a clearly visible "Information for Users" sign should be provided at the hard court in a prominent position including at least the following with wording as detailed in BS EN 15312:

This equipment is not intended for children less than 36 months of age.  
Do not climb on the framework or nets.  
Do not hang on the ring.  
Do not wear rings or other jewellery as these can get caught and cause injury.  
Name and telephone number of the administrator/maintenance contact.  
Number to call in case of accident.

In the discussion that followed it was agreed that Rachael Greenwood would verify whether “the ring” was the basketball hoop. The “Name and telephone number of the administrator” should be the Parish Clerk rather than a named individual. It was assumed that the “Number to call in case of accident” was for medical attention: 999 or 111. Bearing in mind the poor mobile signal the sign should state that “In case of emergency, the nearest public telephone is outside the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean.” There could be an extra line stating “The Jubilee Recreation Ground is maintained by Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council.” Rachael Greenwood would prefer the postal address to be omitted.

John Sankey had quoted for the minor works identified for attention in the safety inspection report : at hard court hook out old cement caps around loose uprights and replace with fresh concrete (£180) and dig out area around gate entrance, slope pathway with concrete screed (£25); provide secure ground anchor point for Toro in tractor shed (£50); build new timber steps to Play Hut with backs to prevent entrapment (£95). The total cost was likely to be ca £350 and it was agreed that Tim Laker would ask John Sankey to carry out the works, ideally before the school holidays.

The detailed advice on vehicle security in vulnerable locations from PCSO Adnams on behalf of PC McShea was discussed (to be circulated to the Parish Council for comment). Tony Harding would photograph the Toro, including serial, chassis and model numbers. Tim Laker had donated two padlocks (with three keys) for the maintenance gate in the top fence; also four lengths of chain which Tony Harding would weld into two longer lengths.

Hinton Ampner PCC had no use for the Lazer mover as Paul Taylor cut the churchyard with his own machine. However, a Cheriton resident had expressed possible interest in the Lazer (confirmation awaited) in which case an offer would be invited. Otherwise it was suggested that Tim Laker obtained a guide price from eBay and Gumtree before placing a free advertisement in the Hampshire Chronicle. If the Husqvarna leaf sweeper (purchased for £255.32 in 2005) was not required, it could also be advertised in the Hampshire Chronicle.

9. Tennis coaching Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

There was likely to be at least 14 participants. Arrangements would be confirmed to parents shortly and a funding application submitted to Blake’s Educational Charity for the coaching fee. It was agreed to offer a goodwill payment of £50 if 50% of the sessions were cancelled due to bad weather. To avoid creating a precedent, the possibility two children holidaying with their grandmother (a Bramdean resident), participating would be referred to the Parish Council.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Parking at Jubilee Recreation Ground

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

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