

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 20TH JULY 2015

1. Election of Chairman

Kashy Hawkings' offer to continue as Chairman for 2015-16 was warmly accepted.

2. Apologies for absence

Kashy Hawkings, Graham Budd.

3. Disclosure of interests

None.

4. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 20th May 2015

It was agreed to defer approval and signing of the minutes to the next meeting.

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 20th May 2015

Adrian Taylor reported that increasing the number of designated parking spaces to 13 had eased congestion for residents of Woodlane Close and provided welcome spare capacity for visitors. Concerns that WCC had rented a vacant garage to a person in Alresford rather than to a resident of the Close would be mentioned to the Parish Council.

The metal springs on the Springers had been repainted.

7. Accounts

There had been no expenditure since the last meeting.

8. Review of play area, etc

Playdale Playgrounds had agreed to replace the cracked seat of the left hand cradle swing (under guarantee to October 2015). Playdale had also agreed to replace the rotten upright timber on The Twist gratis (under guarantee) and to replace The Twist nets and fixings for 1089.30 + VAT. Although the HPFA normally only supported new purchases, on this occasion a grant of £500 had been offered towards the repairs. The Friends of Bramdean Children had kindly offered to donate £200 towards the renovations. The Parish Council would contribute £389.30 to make up the total due. Letters of thanks would follow to John Coney (Secretary, HPFA) and to Dawn Durham (Chairman, The Friends of Bramdean Children)

On 10th July, Kashy Hawkings reported that one of the centre metal fixings on the large cargo net had broken off, leaving the rope dangling with a broken fixing. Adrian Taylor had taped off the net to prevent usage. Playdale hoped to be on site w/b 20th July.

On 29th May, Tony Harding investigated the state of the hard court perimeter fencing (installed 2001). Part of the top line of wire had unravelled. The fencing also bulged outwards in places. Most of the tensioners had been tightened. Adjustments to the top wire which had pulled out and the lower wire at the opposite end were in hand.

Tony Harding had also adjusted the main gate hinges so it closed better. The timber was showing signs of rot. The side (horse) gate was also beginning to rot. Both the gates were made of quality selected green oak (seasoned being too expensive) by White & Etherington in 2001. Tony Harding would assess which gate was in the poorer condition as it might be a suitable project to be part-funded by a County Councillor's Devolved Grant.

9. Health and Safety

On 29th June, David Newson sustained deep scratches to his upper arms while playing in goal on the hard court (photographs of injuries held on file). The cut-off plastic ties holding the net to the top bar of the goal were as sharp as razor blades. The incident was reported to Kashy Hawkings, Tony Harding and Adrian Taylor. On 2nd July, all the sharp ends were cut to minimise future risk. Since then Adrian Taylor had replaced the plastic ties with Velcro strips. If this was not satisfactory, the nets would be re-hung with rubber ties.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Replacement of main or horse gate

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 19th October 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG