

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 21ST JULY 2014

1. Chairman and Membership of Committee 2014/15

At the Parish Council meeting on 9th June, Kashy Hawkings agreed to become Chairman and Graham Budd agreed to join the Committee, both in place of Tim Laker. Kashy Hawkings began by welcoming Graham Budd to the Recreation Committee.

2. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding

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 – 20th January 2014

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 20th January 2014

Anne Newson said that the plaque to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Jubilee Recreation Ground had been fixed to the hard court fence as agreed. However, with hindsight it might look better on the gate and this option would be explored further.

The Parish Council still awaited information on a possible WCC funding bid to create some residents' parking spaces opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground in 2014/15 from Cllr Verney.

Tony Harding had obtained a spare key and an instruction manual for the Toro (one copy held by Rachael Greenwood, one copy given to Adrian Taylor) but had not yet photographed the Toro (including serial, chassis and model numbers).

The equipment stored in the Tractor Shed still needed to be logged onto the Police database. As Tim Laker had donated the padlock (which was one of a pair) for the maintenance gate in the top fence, he needed to retain the spare key. One option might be a key-less combination padlock, providing it was suitably heavy duty.

7. Accounts

Bramdean Garage fuel account credit (£55), Appleton Signs (£33.12 + VAT), WCC playground inspection report (£31.50 +VAT), Newitts & Co Ltd goal nets (£57.28 + VAT). Note: The first parcel of goal nets went astray, Newitts wrote it off and despatched a replacement. After two months, the original parcel was delivered (extra pair to be held by Adrian Taylor).

8. Review of play area, etc

The annual playground inspection report by Dunlop Playground Services Ltd was generally satisfactory. Kashy Hawkings proposed to be present at the next inspection in Spring 2015.

Page 5, Cradle swings. Adrian Taylor and Kashy Hawkings had not been able to find any sharp edges to remove from the crotch straps.

Page 6, The Twist. Playdale would be asked to replace the rotten upright timber and also to inspect the rope end fixings. Adrian Taylor would replace the missing cap. It was also agreed to replenish the level of chippings around the foundations (Rachael Greenwood to contact the usual supplier in the first instance).

Pages 9-10, Springers. Adrian Taylor would repaint the springs with metal paint.

To address general concerns about the impact absorbency of the rubber matting when some of the voids had filled with soil, Adrian Taylor would cut the grass lower.

Some of the shrubs were in need of cutting back and any dead wood should be dug up.

9. Tennis coaching and Child Protection Policy

Reservations as to whether the Parish Council should be involved with the annual tennis coaching without a child protection policy resulted in the decision to withdraw from the event. The Friends of Bramdean Children were understood to have a child protection policy and had advertised the coaching for 18th-22nd August. Having taken advice from the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board, a policy had been drafted for comment prior to consideration at the Parish Council meeting. Regardless of the outcome of further enquiries to HCC, etc, all members of the Committee agreed to be DBS checked in due course.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Parking at Jubilee Recreation Ground
Child Protection Policy

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG