

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 17TH OCTOBER 2016

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Disclosure of interests

None.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 18th July 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 18th July 2016

Adrian Taylor would replace some of the timber planks on the Play Hut.

Rachael Greenwood had written to thank Paul Taylor for cutting back the hedges along FP503/504 to the A272.

On 22nd September Adrian Taylor confirmed that young men were still visiting the hard court to play football, drink alcohol and leave litter in the early evening. The Police had been asked to make an evening visit. On 27th September, the Police reported that the hard court was deserted when they had visited on Saturday afternoons in August and September. The group was last seen on the afternoons of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October. The Police could be asked to visit one weekend afternoon and to take action if a member of the public could forward any vehicle registration numbers.

The tree closest to the bench behind the lower goal post had been cut down; the Hazel would also be cut back.

Tony Harding advised that D J Scott would collect the Toro tractor mower for service before the end of October (cost £250 + VAT + any additional parts required).

Adrian Taylor had purchased Velcro strips to secure the goal nets to the cross bars.

6. Accounts

Play area inspection £39.50 (VAT exempt), Velcro strips £5.72.

7. Review of play area, etc

Revised notes on the Play Inspection Company annual inspection report and the answer from Playdale regarding equipment installed by them had been circulated.

Two estimates had been received to replace the main gate and repair the hard court perimeter fence. Both contractors had advised that treated softwood could be a better option than green

oak if occasionally treated with preservative. Both gate posts should be replaced (preferably in green oak). The existing hanging post was too short to bear the weight of the gate; the replacement should be 7 x 7 to prevent the gate dropping in future. The green wire mesh in the gate should be replaced but it was hoped to salvage the gate fixings. The top wire behind both goals had broken: it should be replaced and tensioned as tight as possible. After discussion it was agreed to accept the estimate from Peter Payne (£1200 +VAT) subject to Rachael Greenwood obtaining a grant towards the cost from the County Councillor's Devolved Budget.

On 22nd September, it was noted that two upright timbers on the Adventure Trail (2nd left and 2nd right) had begun to rot at the base; neither had worked loose. On 5th October, Playdale quoted £295.00 + VAT for delivery and installation (parts gratis under 15 year timber guarantee from May 2007). The delivery charge was standard (usually levied per item). In 2007 the Adventure Trail cost £4332.22 (£1016 delivery and installation) inc VAT at 15%. Although it was agreed to query whether the new uprights were guaranteed for 15 years from 2016 or the balance from 2007, it was decided to proceed with the works as soon as possible.

On 23rd September WCC was asked to cut back and top the hedge from the entrance to the access track to the STP works (down field border on left hand side, then right to the entrance to the STP) planted when the access to the STP was upgraded in 2002; also the right hand side hedge bounding the garden of 13 Woodlane Close to the entrance to the Jubilee Recreation Ground. The work was still outstanding (reminder to be sent).

8. Health and Safety

Rachael Greenwood would attend a course on Safeguarding Children and Adults in her capacity as Child Protection Liaison Officer in Winchester on 3rd November.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda

Visitors to the Jubilee Recreation Ground
Replacement of main gate and repairs to hard court perimeter fence

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG