

**BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

1. Election of Chairman

Kashy Hawkings would continue as Chairman for the coming year.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Disclosure of interests

None.

4. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

Adrian Taylor had cut back the Hazel. Cutting back the Leylandii branches overhanging the boundary fence (Wood Lane end) with long handled hedge trimmers was in hand.

Equestrian Fencing & Timber Ltd, Shirrell Heath, would complete repairs to the bottom section hard court perimeter fence when next working locally.

There has been no further response from WCC about cutting back and topping the hedge from the entrance to the access track to the STP works (down field border left hand side, then right to STP entrance) planted when the access was upgraded in 2002. Matthew Morton would be asked to advise whether the landowner would cut back the field side. Adrian Taylor kindly offered to cut the inside from Woodlane Close to the sewage treatment plant.

Tony Harding had obtained a new battery for the Toro mower; now working satisfactorily.

7. Accounts

D J Scott battery (£60.28 inc VAT). “No Dogs” signs (£2.58 no VAT).

8. Review of play area, etc

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Rachael Greenwood wrote to the owner of Myrtle Cottage regarding dead wood in the Leylandii hedge (believed to be part of that property boundary) which had caused the Parish Council’s metal boundary fence to bulge outwards. On 10<sup>th</sup> July, Tom Besly suggested a site meeting to discuss necessary work, and longer term aims for maintenance (even removal) of overhanging branches and requested vehicle access to remove prunings. Rachael Greenwood would ask Mr Besly to suggest a date to meet Kashy Hawkings (and possibly Tony Harding). It might also be necessary to meet owners of adjoining properties in due course.

The annual safety inspection was generally very satisfactory. Rachael Greenwood would ask Playdale to make a site visit to check the timber and laminate identified as showing signs of

rotting or splitting on the Adventure Trail, Twist and cradle swings. Adrian Taylor would replace a missing cap on the Rocker and repaint the Spring Chicken and Spring Horse where necessary.

Adrian Taylor offered to repaint the matt black finish of the Jubilee sign over the entrance to the Recreation Ground which was showing signs of rust.

9. Health and Safety

On 30<sup>th</sup> May, Play Safety advised there was no mandatory requirement for operators of play areas or recreation grounds to ensure there was access to a public phone box even when mobile signal was poor, although it was very useful in the event of an emergency. If the phone box was removed, the Parish Council should ensure that the information on its location was removed from signage.

Regarding displaying “No Dogs” signage, PS Wood could not foresee any problems but it might be a challenge to change the behaviour of those who were used to bringing their dogs into the Recreation Ground. In future, dogs would have to be tied to the fence in front of the grass verge facing the parking area but legally the Police could not enforce the ban aside from words of advice. Adrian Taylor would fix the new sign on the entrance gate in place of the WCC green dog notice (to be moved to fence on left hand side of gate). It was noted that the group of young men (possibly from Alresford) had not played football on the hard court recently.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Review of actions arising from annual safety inspection  
Leylandii hedge

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG