

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

1. Apologies for absence

Graham Budd, Adrian Taylor

The Committee was sorry to hear of the death of Audrey Blake whose fundraising over the years on behalf of the Recreation Ground had been much appreciated.

2. Disclosure of interests

None.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 17th July 2017

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 17th July 2017

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

Adrian Taylor had fixed the new “No Dogs” sign on the entrance gate (WCC green notice moved to fence on left hand side of gate).

On 11th August, Kashy Hawkings reported that both sides of the hedge from the entrance to the access track to the STP works had been cut back. Presumably Adrian Taylor had kindly cut the Woodlane Close side to the STP but it was unclear who had cut back the field side. WCC had not responded to the request to cut back the hedge (probably low priority due to lack of resources). Rachael Greenwood would request WCC to cut back the hedge bounding the STP works.

Adrian Taylor to confirm replacement of a missing cap on the Rocker and repainting of the Spring Chicken and Spring Horse where necessary; also repainting of the Jubilee sign at the entrance in matt black.

6. Accounts

On 19th September, Rachael Greenwood paid £10 cash to the petrol account. The grass had been mowed more often in the summer due to extremes of hot and wet weather.

7. Review of play area, etc

On 14th September, Kashy Hawking and Rachael Greenwood met Tom Besly to discuss removal of dead wood in the Leylandii hedge along the Myrtle Cottage boundary. Since then the dead wood looked as if it had been cut and work begun on the vegetation along the Myrtle

Cottage boundary. There was still an amount of cut dead wood hanging over the Rec boundary which needed removing.

Kashy Hawkings said that both the Wood Lane and orchard boundaries were overgrown. Branches and vegetation had grown through the chain link fencing. Some remedial work was needed and Rachael Greenwood would ask Adrian Taylor whether he would like some help.

Kashy Hawkings and Rachael Greenwood found no evidence of rot or significant splitting in the timber of the Agility Trail or Junior Swing. It was agreed to minute that there was no substantial defect to report. Adrian Taylor had been asked to clean the algae from the Junior Swing cross bar.

The laminate on the platforms of the Multiplay Unit (Twist) was beginning to break up at the edges and the inner corners of the upright panels. This was not felt to constitute a risk to users at present (laminate to be monitored). Rachael Greenwood had requested Playdale Playgrounds to quote for the replacement of the laminate sections. Detailed photographs of the damaged areas were required to support the application for a quote (in hand).

WCC would arrange for the Playground Inspection Company to carry out the safety inspection in 2018 cost £44.95 (subsidised price about half of commercial cost).

8. Health and Safety

No decision had been received as to whether or not the BT phone box outside the Village Hall would be removed.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda

Boundary hedge trim.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG