

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 16TH JANUARY 2019

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding (convalescence), Anne Newson

2. Disclosure of interests

None.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 15th October 2018

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 15th October 2018

Adrian Taylor would wash down the benches to remove bird droppings and cut back the lower branches of the Hazel nearest to the Springers.

Adrian Taylor had fitted plastic cones across the swing tops as a bird deterrent to reduce droppings; this should not compromise safety as they were plastic and rust proof. It was therefore agreed to defer purchase of the metal Slinkys kindly sourced by Anne Newson.

6. Accounts

No expenditure since last meeting.

7. Review of play area, etc

John Sankey estimated £75 to re-tension the perimeter chain link along the top behind furthest goal, rewire and re-tension the chain link along the top and bottom behind nearest goal; also to check all other wire sections and repair as necessary. Following a site meeting on 8th December, John Sankey also agreed to repair a small crack in the hard court tarmac (bottom left hand corner, work not guaranteed as outside normal remit); cost £25 in addition to original estimate (invoice awaited). Since then another crack had appeared close to the gate into the court. Bearing in mind likely frost damage, it was agreed to review the surface again at the end of the winter. Adrian Taylor had replaced rotten timber on the Play House and was also thanked for kindly replacing the damaged half timber edging around The Twist.

A great deal of vegetation had already been cleared from the Parish Council's boundary fence. Adrian Taylor would contact the owner of 14 Woodlane Close regarding cutting back the evergreen hedge. The owner of Bramdean Cottage had undertaken to carry out some work as time allowed; meanwhile Adrian and Paul Taylor had been granted access to cut back vegetation on behalf of the Parish Council (arisings could be placed on Bramdean Cottage bonfire). Adrian Taylor had started to cut back the hedge on the car park side.

Following a safety inspection on 5th October, SSE requested a Network Shutdown to remove the vegetation from the transformer and the surrounding area. The work was not deemed

urgent and would take place in 2019, preceded by written notification to residents. Rachael Greenwood had established that WCC granted Southern Electricity plc an easement to access and maintain the transformer on 11th September 1995 (copy supplied to SSE who could not locate a copy). The transformer was built on a fenced off triangle of land between 18 Woodlane Close and Lodge Cottage (now Myrtle Cottage). SSE was responsible for keeping the transformer reasonably vegetation-free. WCC had been asked to confirm the easement remains in force (reply from Legal Dept awaited).

The Recreation Committee would advise the Parish Council that ownership of the Recreation Ground might not have been registered with the Land Registry.

8. Health and Safety

No items for discussion.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda

Safety inspection report

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean; also Wednesdays 10th July and 9th October at the same time and venue.

KH/RG