BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 10TH JULY 2019

1. Election of Chairman

Kashy Hawkings agreed to 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 – 8th May 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 8th May 2019

The owner of 14 Woodlane Close planned to replace the evergreen hedge at the Parish Council's boundary with a fence later in the year.

On 20th June, DNB Tree Surgery Ltd (contract tree cutters for SSE) advised that trees and vegetation around the transformer and the sewage treatment plant would be cut down (work carried out w/b 1st July). It was understood that in DNB was also contracted to cut back the conifer hedge surrounding the STP where it crossed the overhead cable. In view of these developments, Rachael Greenwood assumed that WCC Legal Dept had reminded SSE of its obligations under the existing easement.

Matthew Morton had approved ordering a digital copy of the Title Deeds for the Recreation Ground from the Hampshire Record Office (cost £20 inc VAT; A3 paper copies gratis) and an Ordnance Survey site map to Land Registry criteria (gratis). A solicitor specialising in representing not-for-profit organisations, estimated that registering the title would be ca £500 + VAT. The Recreation Committee supported the registration of the land.

Adrian Taylor had replaced a piece of timber across the tractor shed pitch roof (back slope).

Adrian Taylor had fixed a "No Smoking" sign onto the front of the Play Hut (cost £2.15)

Tony Harding had purchased and fitted a new fuel filter to the tractor mower (invoice awaited from D J Scott). A service was not needed until later in the season.

7. Accounts

Bolt caps, £5.79; No Smoking sign, £2.15 (inc VAT).

8. Review of play area, etc

Points arising from safety inspection:

Page 15. Information signs at each entrance/exit to playground. The text on the two existing green signs was too wordy and clearly required revision. Suggestions from Anne Newson to simplify the text, and to display a QR code, were considered. It was agreed that Rachael Greenwood would contact the Play Inspection Co Ltd for advice on redrafting the text in line with BS EN 15312.

Page 32. 19/6 Playdale confirmed the rubber cradle swing seats were guaranteed for two years (present seats installed 2012). 27/6 After Sales arranged a free site visit to inspect the cradle swing bearings and to take action as necessary. Engineer reported there was no problem with the bearings; they had been lubricated although this had not been required. The inspector would probably have swung the seats empty; the weight of a child was needed for the swing and bearings to perform correctly.

The top boundary fence into the car park had been stabilised. Paul Taylor had declined payment for the timber uprights (Rachael Greenwood to purchase "goodwill" bottle of wine). The footballers from Alresford were using the hard court (no dogs). No firm conclusion was reached on deterring users from climbing over the fence to retrieve balls.

9. Health and Safety

No issues raised.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Perimeter fencing and hedging Replacement of poles and upper mesh netting along Wood Lane Close boundary Signage

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th October at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.

KH/RG