

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 18TH MAY 2015

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 – 19th January 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 19th January 2015

Work to create extra parking spaces in Woodlane Close began on 5th May. It was agreed to see whether this eased congestion before asking WCC to reconsider creating further spaces on the hard standing opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground.

Adrian Taylor had photographed and provided details for the strimmer (not recorded previously) for Rachael Greenwood to file.

Tony Harding had obtained two key-less heavy-duty combination padlocks for the maintenance gate in the top fence (combination known to all committee members).

The metal springs on the Springers would be repainted as weather permitted.

Anne Newson reported that the plaque to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee celebrations had been fixed to the pedestrian gate to the recreation ground.

Adrian Taylor had removed the algae from the top of the table tennis table and treated the clean surface with patio cleaner.

6. Accounts

Padlocks for boundary fence (43.98), Playdale installation of replacement timber for Twist (234.00), Clearway Sport moss treatment of hard court (192.00), Bramdean Garage fuel top-up (60.00), WCC play ground inspection (37.80).

7. Review of play area, etc

Following an inspection on 23rd February:

Aalgae has been cleaned from all three Springers.

The broken wheely bin had been scrapped. Only one was needed in future.

Rachael Greenwood would photograph the rubber casing on the left hand cradle swings which was showing signs of cracking. Playdale would be asked to replace the affected parts which were covered by a 3 year guarantee until October 2015.

Tony Harding would investigate the hard court perimeter fencing (installed 2001). Part of the top line of wire was unravelling and the fencing was also bulging outwards in places.

On 24th October, Playdale Playgrounds agreed to replace gratis four upright timber posts on The Twist (15 year guarantee to expire in 2015). On 11th February, the engineer stated that only three posts needed replacement. The equipment was overall in good condition for its age. The metal fixings for the nets were corroding, they could not be replaced separately from the nets which were only guaranteed for 2 years and could not be "patched". Three quotes were obtained to replace the nets/fixings: Playdale 1089.30, Play Maintain 1260.44, Play Safe 2402.00 (ex VAT). All the companies said new fixings could not be fixed to old nets. A majority of Parish Councillors favoured Playdale but as the 2015 inspection report had indicated further concerns about the equipment the Parish Council advised that it must seek further clarification from the inspector and contact them again in due course.

After discussion it was agreed to recommend that Playdale replaced the rotten upright timber on The Twist gratis and fitted the replacement parts to the cradle swing (both under guarantee); also to replace The Twist nets and fixings for the sum of 1089.30. Playdale would be asked to waive the installation fee for the upright timber as a separate visit was not required. Anne Newson would ask whether The Friends of Bramdean Children might be able to contribute towards the renovation of The Twist.

On 25th April, Adrian Taylor reported a great increase in dog fouling on the grass in front of the Jubilee Recreation Ground boundary fence. The main gate was temporarily closed (not locked). A laminated sign was displayed: "Due to inconsiderate dog owners this gate will be closed until further notice. Please clear up after your dog". Matthew Morton asked residents at the Annual Parish Meeting to request culprits to clear up after their dogs. The fouling had now lessened. The main gate could remain closed but the hinges had "dropped", Tony Harding would investigate adjustment and also assess the side "horse" gate which was beginning to rot (both installed 2001). Adrian Taylor would be given an extra copy of the temporary sign. Other possible solutions: apply for a serviced dog fouling bin from WCC Joint Waste Services; purchase a bin (possibly with bag dispenser) to empty as required. Details to be kept on file.

8. Tennis coaching

The Friends of Bramdean Children were offering tennis coaching for children aged 4-14 years living in the parish w/b 17th August. As the Parish Council was no longer involved with the tennis coaching, it would be deleted from the standard agenda.

9. Child Protection Policy

Rachael Greenwood would undertake training as Child Protection Liaison Officer.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Repairs to play equipment

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 20th July 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

KH/RG