

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 20TH JANUARY 2014

1. Election of Chairman

Tim Laker was confirmed as Chairman for 2013/14 but hoped that as he might well be moving from the parish within the next year someone else would be prepared to become Chairman for 2014/15 in July

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

None.

4. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 21st October 2013

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

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 21st October 2013

Anne Newson reported that the plaque to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Jubilee Recreation Ground would be in situ shortly. The plaque was made of Corian, aqua in colour (closest to diamond), size 9” x 6”.

It was understood from Cllr Verney that a WCC funding bid had been made for the creation of some residents’ parking spaces opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground in 2014/15.

7. Accounts

There had been no transactions since the last meeting. Rachael Greenwood would arrange for the fuel account at Bramdean Garage to be topped-up for the coming mowing season.

8. Review of play area, etc

Appleton Signs, Botley, had supplied two new signs (i) to replace the existing on the entrance gate and (ii) an “Information for Users” sign for the hard court gate (cost £33.12 + £6.62 VAT). The supplier had kindly waived the £15 delivery charge. Adrian Taylor would put up the new signs. The existing sign listing contributors to the refurbishment of the facilities would be moved to the hard court fence. The old sign on the entrance gate would be scrapped.

Tony Harding had not yet photographed the Toro (including serial, chassis and model numbers). However, the four lengths of chain had been welded into two longer lengths to secure the maintenance gate in the top fence: keys to the padlock were held by Tony Harding, Tim Laker and Adrian Taylor. The equipment stored in the Tractor Shed still needed to be logged on the new Police database. Tony Harding would enquire whether D J Scott could provide (i) a spare key and (ii) an instruction manual for the Toro.

Details of the timetable for playground inspections in 2014 were awaited from WCC.

Kashy Hawkings reported that some local boys who regularly played football on the hard court had asked whether it could be resurfaced with astro turf. Although the Committee was delighted that the hard court was so popular unfortunately, apart from the cost, this would not be feasible as astro turf it would limit the use of the court for other purposes. Adrian Taylor reported that the goal nets were breaking up. Rachael Greenwood would order a new set: the cost on-line was unlikely to exceed £50.

9. Tennis coaching Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

It was hoped to confirm the venue shortly. The first choice of coach would be Richard Libby. The application form would be amended to state that requests for children holidaying with relatives to play could only be granted if there were spare places as the coaching was for children resident in the parish. Every effort would be made to make supervision arrangements more flexible so parents were on duty when their children were playing. It would also be stressed that voluntary help from parents was necessary for the coaching to take place.

Rachael Greenwood would take advice as to whether the Parish Council should adopt a Child Protection Policy to safeguard its activities (outcome of enquiry to be circulated before next meeting).

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Parking at Jubilee Recreation Ground
Safety inspection
Tennis coaching
Child Protection Policy

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

TL/RG