

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
NOTES FROM RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 21ST OCTOBER 2013

1. Election of Chairman

As the meeting was not quorate, it was hoped to confirm Tim Laker as Chairman for 2013/14 at the next meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding

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 – 15th July 2013

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

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 15th July 2013

Before placing the order, Anne Newson would review the proposed plaque to mark the Diamond Jubilee celebrations with Barbara Holyome. The plaque would be sited at the Jubilee Recreation Ground, probably on the chain link fence (not on the gate to the hard court).

The Parish Council awaited an update from Cllr Verney on the possible creation of some residents' parking spaces opposite the Jubilee Recreation Ground to the WCC Parking Dept.

7. Accounts

The sum of £811.71 had been received from the parish Open Space account for the Toro mower, a grant of £500 towards the new cradle swings from HPFA and a token payment of £50 for the Lazer mower and leaf sweeper.

8. Review of play area, etc

Adrian Taylor reported that the grass still needed mowing and that he was very pleased with the new Toro.

The usual supplier, Appleton Signs, Botley, had quoted £33.12 + delivery and VAT for two new signs in printed dibond: (i) to replace the existing worn sign on the entrance gate and (ii) an "Information for Users" sign for the hard court gate, both following the wording suggested in BS EN 15312. Rachael Greenwood would place the order subject to confirmation that the material did not fade. The £15 carriage charge might be waived if the owner could deliver the goods to Cheriton Stores. The existing sign on the hard court gate listing donors who had contributed to the refurbishment of the facilities would be fixed to the hard court fence.

Tim Laker had inspected the minor works carried out to the usual high standard by John Sankey following the recent safety inspection (cost £350). Tony Harding would be asked to

confirm when he had photographed the Toro (including serial, chassis and model numbers) and welded the four lengths of chain into two longer lengths to secure the maintenance gate in the top fence. The photographs should be emailed to Rachael Greenwood. It was also suggested that equipment stored in the Tractor Shed should be logged on the new Police database. Tony Harding would also be asked to confirm whether he had the spare keys to the Toro. It was noted that Tony Harding, Tim Laker and Adrian Taylor held keys to the padlock for the gate in the top fence.

As Hinton Ampner PCC had no use for the Lazer mover and leaf sweeper, and the Cheriton resident had decided it was too large for her purpose, Tony Harding expressed interest in purchasing both items. In view of the free servicing Tony Harding had carried out in the past, Tim Laker and Matthew Morton approved the sale for the nominal sum of £50. The disposals had been noted on the Asset Register and the insurance premium increased by £25 per annum to provide sufficient cover for the Toro.

9. Tennis coaching Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August

The coaching was very successful with 16 participants. One day had been lost to rain which the coach, Richard Libby, had kindly made up the following week. Letter of thanks had been sent to Victoria Wakefield for use of the court and to Blake's Educational Charity for meeting the coaching fee in full. Requests for children holidaying with relatives to play were referred to the Chairman of the Trustees, and permitted with the acknowledgement that no precedent was being set. Such requests could only be granted if there were spare places as the coaching was for children resident in the parish and should be clarified on the application form.

A parent had also requested whether supervision arrangements could be more flexible so that parents were on duty when their children were playing. In theory, this was no problem except that some parents could not supervise due to work commitments, etc. There must be two adults on duty when the younger children were playing and one when the older children were playing. Apart from ensuring that the coach was freed from supervising, one person must be available to take younger children to the toilet, etc. It was agreed to make it clear on the application form that voluntary help from parents was needed to ensure that the coaching could take place.

Anne Newson enquired whether it was necessary for the Parish Council to adopt a Child Protection Policy to safeguard its activities. Rachael Greenwood would take advice before the next meeting.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda

Parking at Jubilee Recreation Ground
Child Protection Policy

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

TL/RG