

**BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 15TH OCTOBER 2018**

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding

2. Disclosure of interests

None

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present

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

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 16th July 2018

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5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 16th July 2018

WCC had not responded to the request to cut the Leylandii hedge bounding the treatment plant. The footpath to the A272 looked very neat; the work might have been carried out under the annual HCC agreement.

The pedestrian entrance gate had been adjusted and the safety chippings under The Twist replenished to a safe level.

6. Accounts

The Twist. WKL Building Supplies materials (£86.56), Bruce Newson repairs (£45.00); Giffords Recycling Ltd, safety chippings (£354.00).

7. Review of play area, etc

Thanks were due to Tony Harding for sourcing materials and to Bruce Newson for repairing The Twist to a very high standard, a considerable saving on the lowest price quoted by Playdale (£408.64 + VAT).

The Committee reviewed the points for action/discussion identified by Kashy Hawkings, Anne Newson and Rachael Greenwood on 31st August.

Adrian Taylor would wash the benches to remove bird droppings.

It was thought that Tony Harding had laid soil over the rubber safety matting under the large Springer.

John Sankey would be asked to estimate to re-tension the perimeter chain link along the top behind furthest goal, to bend outwards/re-tension the chain link along the top and bottom

behind nearest goal and to advise of any other section in need of repair; also to replace any sections of half-timber edging around The Twist which was showing signs of rot.

Adrian Taylor would cut back lower branches of the Hazel nearest to the Springers.

It was unnecessary to provide a black bag in the square rubbish bin (metal liner sufficient).

Matthew Morton would be asked to cut back the hedges along the Woodcote Manor boundary.

Rachael Greenwood would purchase a metal Slinky from Amazon to fit on the top horizontal timber of the both bays of swings to deter birds. This was unlikely to encourage older children to climb the vertical timbers.

Regarding the top boundary fence, Adrian Taylor had removed the protruding nail head in the left post of vehicular entrance and rammed down the wobbly posts. The timber was likely to stabilise as it expanded over the winter (to be monitored).

A crack had developed at the far end of the hard court tarmac. Tony Harding would be consulted as to a possible solution before seeking advice from a surfacing specialist.

The committee was grateful to Matthew Morton for writing to the residents of Myrtle Cottage, Pitchforks, Bramdean Cottage and 14, 15, 16, 18 Woodlane Close requesting that garden vegetation was cut back from the Parish Council's boundary fence. This led to a great improvement thanks to residents at Myrtle Cottage and 15-16 Woodlane Close. The Leylandii along the Myrtle Cottage boundary were likely to be removed over the winter. Kashy Hawkings would speak to those responsible for the Bramdean Cottage boundary.

Vegetation was climbing the poles either side of the SSE transformer. An adjacent tree needed felling. If it was in the garden of an adjoining property, bearing in mind reports of "sparking" around the transformer it would be reasonable to request its removal on safety grounds, otherwise it would be a matter for SSE. Vegetation was also embedded in the upper tier of the wire fencing, possibly from 18 Woodlane Close. Rachael Greenwood had requested a site meeting with the SSE Wayleave Officer to discuss overgrown vegetation on and around the transformer. This was likely to take place in November.

8. Health and Safety

It was assumed that the BT telephone box outside the Village Hall would remain in situ.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda

10. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

As the Village Hall would be unavailable on Monday nights in 2019, it was subsequently agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7.00 pm in Kilmeston Village Hall. Meetings for the remainder of 2019 would be held on Wednesdays in the Village Hall, Bramdean (dates to be confirmed later).

KH/RG