

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 8TH MAY 2019

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding (illness)

2. Disclosure of interests

None

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 16th January 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 16th January 2019

Adrian Taylor had washed down the benches to remove bird droppings and cut back the lower branches of the Hazel nearest to the Springers.

The plastic cones fitted across the swing tops were an effective bird deterrent.

The Parish Council would write to the owner of 14 Woodlane Close regarding cutting back the evergreen hedge. Kashy Hawkings was happy to meet the owner to discuss the problem.

Rachael Greenwood would remind SSE to confirm the timing of the Network Shutdown to remove the vegetation from the transformer and the surrounding area.

Following a request to confirm that the easement remained in force, WCC Legal Dept had undertaken to contact SSE (reply awaited).

Ownership of the Recreation Ground was not registered with the Land Registry. The Parish Council would consider how best to proceed (details to be circulated)

6. Accounts

John Sankey, £100 (repair hard court fence and surface); WCC £44.95 (play inspection); Bramdean Garage, £33.54 + VAT (top-up fuel account balance to £60), bolt caps, £5.79.

7. Review of play area, etc

The safety inspection report was good. The following points were discussed:

Page 15. Information signs at each entrance/exit to playground. There was only one entrance to the playground. However, the text on the sign stating ownership of the playground, etc, was in need of revision. A copy of the sign would be available for discussion at the next meeting.

Page 29. Evidence of fire damage to Multi Play (Twist). Adrian Taylor explained this was the residue of black paint applied when the new platform was installed.

Page 32. Cradle swing seat had minor damage/wear. Rachael Greenwood would check whether the seat had already been replaced under guarantee. The seat would be monitored and replaced when necessary.

Page 33. Anti Wrap bearings on cradle swings are dry and not moving freely. Playdale had advised Adrian Taylor the bearings were self-lubricating. A copy of the report would be forwarded to Playdale as requested.

Progress on cutting back vegetation from the Bramdean Cottage side of the boundary fence would be kept under review.

Adrian Taylor would replace a piece of timber across the tractor shed pitch roof (back slope). The insurers had suggested it might be prudent to check the shed was adequately insured for replacement, demolition, site clearance, etc. The Chart Garage Clipper Range had a similar shed (£2400 + VAT including installation). As local suppliers could be cheaper and voluntary help might be available, the current insured sum was felt to be adequate.

Options would be considered to discourage footballers from climbing over the top boundary fence into the car park to retrieve balls. Fixing sections of wire netting above the fence was felt to be impractical. The best solution could be another pedestrian gate closer to the hard court. The problem would be considered further once all the loose timber uprights had been replaced. It was agreed to offer to reimburse Paul Taylor for the timber uprights which he had provided from his own stock.

A “No Smoking” sign would be purchased to discourage evidence of smoking in the Play Hut.

Tony Harding would be asked to arrange for the tractor mower to be serviced.

8. Health and Safety

None reported.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda

None other than those listed above.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th July at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Bramdean.

KH/RG