

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 14TH OCTOBER 2020

Present: Chris McCrystal (Chairman), Kashy Hawkings, Adrian Taylor (Groundsman),
Mandy Bulloch

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Harding (holiday), Anne Newson, Rachael Greenwood (ill health)
Mandy Bulloch kindly took the minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

2. Disclosure of interests

None

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 15th July 2020

The minutes were approved and signed.

6. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 15th July 2020

Appleton Signs had supplied replacements for the existing A4 signs plus two A5 “Do Not Climb” signs (cost £132.65 + VAT). It was agreed to position the “Do Not Climb” signs either end of the hard court inside the fence; Adrian Taylor would affix them with cable ties. The main gate sign included a disclaimer that the Parish Council was not responsible for loss or damage to personal possessions etc. The existing benefactors sign outside the hard court and the Covid signs would be replaced by Chris Mc Crystal and Adrian Taylor.

7. Accounts to date

Moss treatment applied to hard court, £14.69, hand sanitizer, etc, £9.32,
signage £132.65 + VAT.

8. Review of play area, etc

Adrian Taylor had repaired the top of the upper perimeter fence between Myrtle Cottage and Pitchforks and cut back as much of the vegetation from the Recreation Ground side of the south boundary fence as he could reach with the long strimmer loaned from Tony Harding.

Chris McCrystal suggested writing to the owner of Myrtle Cottage thanking them for topping the Leylandii behind that property and The Pitchforks and enquiring whether it would be possible to cut the tree (thought to be Ash) leaning well over the Parish Council boundary. It was noted the owner of The Pitchforks was thanked by Rachael Greenwood when he gave notice that remaining trees by the tractor shed would be topped by Peter Payne on 4th August.

Adrian Taylor had, so far, been unable to tighten three loose footholds on The Twist. He would liaise with Tony Harding to see if he had a suitable star-shaped Allen key but it may be necessary to contact the manufacturer in due course.

The Parish Council might be able to offer CIL funding to replace the existing picnic table. It was agreed to propose the purchase of one table and possibly a piece of outdoor gym equipment for adults. Chris Mc Crystal would canvas opinion in the village as to whether adult gym equipment would be used. Kashy Hawkings suggested that the purchase of a picnic table could be requested from the HCC Councillors' Devolved Grant in 2021-22.

9. Health and Safety

Although no issues have been raised, Chris Mc Crystal would review the coronavirus arrangements for the safety of users and replace the Covid signage. Meanwhile, thanks were due to Chris McCrystal for signage, etc, to enable the whole ground to re-open on 25th July and for undertaking a Covid-19 Specific - Play Area Assessment on 24th July. The refuse bins had been moved to the grass opposite the car park until further notice.

Adrian Taylor advised the Little House needed attention as some of the wood had rotted. It was agreed to ask John Sankey to quote for repairs. Chris Mc Crystal and Adrian Taylor would meet at the Recreation Ground on 17th October to agree the necessary work. It was agreed to replace the missing sign on the Little House which had identified that the house was built by the late Joe Blake. Adrian would advise the exact wording after speaking with his family.

Record of keys and holders:

Anne Newson had kindly agreed to be a local key holder. Adrian Taylor had two new keys cut (invoice for £19.00 for reimbursement). He could not get a duplicate for the tractor shed so a new lock would be needed if a spare was required. Chris McCrystal would compile a spreadsheet to identify keys and keyholders and would arrange a "key" meeting on site to confirm that the list below was still correct.

15/10/07	TH had spare set of keys for tractor shed, etc. AT & RG would continue as key holders.
21/1/08	TH had security key to padlock on main gate.
21/7/14	AT & TH had keys to new tractor mower.
19/1/15	Agreed TH would obtain heavy duty key-less padlock for gate in top fence.
18/5/15	Padlock combination shared with all committee members.
9/10/19	Committee members verbally reminded of padlock combination. RG had keys for padlocks on tractor shed (white fob), top basketball net and gate to car park (blue top key and small key on string)
8/1/20	TH received padlock key to secure tractor mower to shed floor.

10. Items to be considered for next agenda to include

Key holder arrangements
Review of coronavirus arrangements

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th January 2020 (time and venue to be confirmed).

Signed
CMC/MB/RG

Dated