

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 20TH JANUARY 2021

Present: Chris McCrystal (Chairman), Tony Harding, Kashy Hawkings, Adrian Taylor (Groundsman), Anne Newson, Rachael Greenwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Disclosure of interests

None.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of minutes of Recreation Committee – 14th October 2020

As the meeting was held by conference call, the minutes were approved for signature by the Chairman post-meeting.

5. Matters reviewed from minutes of Recreation Committee meeting – 14th October 2020

The “Do Not Climb” signs had been fixed to the hardcourt fence. The existing benefactors sign outside the hard court and the Covid signs been replaced. The Taylor family had requested that the replacement sign on the Little House should simply read, “In memory of Joe Blake”.

Rachael Greenwood would request Appleton Signs to estimate for a A5 weatherproof sign, white lettering on green ground to match existing signage, for approval by Chris McCrystal (proof to be circulated later).

6. Accounts to date

Replacement keys cut, £19.00.

7. Review of play area, etc

3/11 Rachael Greenwood wrote to the owner of Myrtle Cottage to thank them for topping the Leylandii behind that property and The Pitchforks and enquire whether it would be possible to cut the tree (thought to be Ash) leaning well over the Parish Council boundary. There had been no reply to date but it was hoped an opportunity would arise to discuss the matter informally once lockdown had ended.

15/12 The three loose footholds on The Twist appeared to have tightened, possibly due to damp weather. Tony Harding would keep under review and could source a star-shaped Allen key if required.

Chris Mc Crystal would retain the brochures on outdoor gym equipment until it was possible to canvas opinion in the village face-to-face to gauge the level of possible interest. It was noted that the Parish Council might be prepared to consider applying for an HCC Councillors’ Devolved Grant in 2021-22 to replace the existing picnic table.

WCC had arranged for the annual safety inspection to take place in January 2021 (cost £44.95 VAT exempt).

8. Health and Safety

Chris Mc Crystal would complete a new Risk Assessment template and post it on the website. The replacement Covid-19 signage was in good condition. Further amendments to Covid-19 arrangements for the safety of users might be required during the current lockdown. A resident had kindly replenishing the supply of hand gel.

17/10 Chris Mc Crystal and Adrian Taylor met to agree necessary repairs to the Little House. 19/12 As John Sankey was still convalescent, Adrian and Paul Taylor repaired the timber around the window frames, etc. The pressing roof repairs would be carried out in the Spring. Adrian Taylor had displayed a “No Smoking, No Drinking” sign inside the hut.

19/11 Responding to a message Anne Newson was considering posting on WhatsApp to discourage children from playing on the Village Hall site, the Parish Council said, “In the interests of safety children should be directed to the Recreation Ground in general but not specifically to use the hard court. The Parish Council is not comfortable in stating that the combined surface and fencing are suitable for bicycles and scooters.”

Anne Newson reported the Village Hall Committee had been advised to display signs stating that children should not play in the Village Hall car park although legally this could not be prevented.

Record of keys and holders. Chris McCrystal suggested a “key” meeting to confirm which keys were in current use. Tony Harding no longer had any keys in his possession. The main gate padlock had been replaced with a 4-digit combination lock. Adrian Taylor suggested changing the locks for the top and bottom of the tractor shed door as copies of the keys could no longer be obtained copies. Tony Harding and Adrian Taylor would meet to discuss which keys required duplication or replacement to create three sets of keys to held by Adrian Taylor, Tony Harding and Anne Newson.

9. Items to be considered for next agenda to include

Key holder arrangements
Review of Covid-19 arrangements

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th May 2021 (time and venue to be confirmed).

CMC/RG

Signed

Dated