

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF HAZELBURY
BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALEC'S FIELD PAVILION ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER
2021 AT 6:30PM**

Present: Alun Read (AR) Chairman, Jim Bettle (JB), Bernie Flynn (BF) and Rebekah-Joy Spinks (RJS). Members of the public- none.

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

01/21. Apologies for absence: None

02/21. Declarations of Interest: None

03/21. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2020 were approved.

04/21. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None

05/21. Post Covid arrangements, including cleaning both inside and out, social distancing etc: With the relaxation in Covid rules it was not felt necessary to undertake any deep-cleaning or other measures. Users and hirers will be expected to follow any Government rules for their own events. JB has undertaken an end-of-season tidy-up of the pavilion, field, rubbish bins etc.

06/21. Rubbish collections and removal – i) to organise clearance of the accumulated rubbish by the storage container: Accumulated rubbish includes empty line marking containers, old equipment from football and cricket etc. JB and BF will organise a trip to the dump to clear the site. **ii) to consider a long-term policy for waste management:** With no private bookings for the foreseeable future, the main user will be the football club and they should clear their own rubbish after each match. The general bins on the playing field should be the only source of other litter. JB has kindly been clearing the bins and adding to his domestic waste. Going forward, it seems appropriate to re-cycle as much waste as possible. Given the seeming inability of users to distinguish between what can and cannot be recycled, disposal needs to be made as simple as possible. However, there is no desire for any bins to be used as an emergency overflow dumping ground by local residents. Alan Wilsden has volunteered to build a waste bin shelter on the side of the pavilion, design by Alun Read. DWP will provide bins free of charge and MW will explore acquiring 4 x 240L or 360L bins for paper/card, glass, tins/plastic and general rubbish. DWP will empty, at a cost, and MW will enquire whether a regular collection date is necessary or whether ad-hoc collections might be possible, given the seasonal variances in usage. JB will continue for a while with a monthly litter-pick of Alec's Field and the bins, but this isn't to be a lifetime commitment!

07/21. Storage – to consider ownership and responsibilities for the contents of the container: The container is owned by the parish council and has cricket and football club equipment plus signage, bunting etc for village fetes etc. JB and BF will look to move some items from the pavilion (eg the large notice board currently in the officials room) into the container.

08/21. Cricket club – arrangements for the end of season hand over to football club: JB has cleared the changing rooms

09/21. Football club – arrangements for the new season, including the Hornet's Nest café: BF reported that the season is underway. Alan and Lyn Wilsden have agreed to act as stand-ins for BF if and when he is away. JB has now relinquished his involvement with the football club. The Hornets's Nest café will be re-opening for home matches.

A start has been made on the mole ploughing to improve the pitch drainage but has been suspended for the time being. The best time to do this will probably be March/April 2022 and BF will look to ensure there are no home fixtures at that time. AR has asked for as much advance warning of fixtures as possible to avoid clashes with other hirers, especially if the Hornet's Nest is to be expected to be open. BF will try and get AR on the fixture list circulated by the Dorset league.

10/21. Gym equipment – to consider responsibilities and location: Disappointingly, there is little current demand for the gym equipment and it has been stored safely in the spare area of the showers for the current time.

11/21. Pavilion security - to consider availability of keys to ensure i) no unauthorised access: There is no effective control of keys for the pavilion. Keys have disappeared, are not replaced in the key safe and unless matters improve a much tighter control mechanism will need to be introduced, with the inevitable consequence of less convenience for users. **ii) parish council officers have a full set of keys at all times to all areas:** MW made the point that it is unacceptable for the parish clerk not to have a key for every internal locking door. New locks have been installed without keys being provided to the clerk. BF and JB will ensure he is provided with keys to have copies made.

12/21. Sports equipment – to consider the replacement or repair of i) the 5-a-side football nets: The nets for the five-a side goals need replacing. JB will provide dimensions to MW who will order. Funding will come from the Wonston monies. **ii) the cricket nets:** These are the responsibility of the cricket club and JB will organise a repair in advance of the 2022 season.

13/21. Pavilion equipment – to consider installing a sound system: The existing Bluetooth speaker no longer works and AR will purchase a replacement using some of the Wonston monies.

14/21. Youth club – update on plans to re-activate: RJS is waiting on a meeting of the Methodist Church Council next week. This will determine the approach to youth work in the wider diocese – will it be a collective approach, which will bring significant funding, or will it be each parish to its own, which will mean funding in HB will be much more meagre.

15/21. Play area – to consider repairs and maintenance, including broken gate and surface clearance: AR reported that the gates have been fixed and 2 fence posts need replacing which will be done shortly. The annual play inspection is due in the autumn. The play surfaces need some attention and MW will arrange a meeting with JB Gardens to see what might best be done.

Section 106 funds from the Handley Cross development should feed through to the parish council when the first property is occupied. MW has highlighted the need for some refurbishment of the play area to the parish council.

16/21. Recreation ground – to confirm grass cutting arrangements: MW explained the informal arrangements for cutting the field. Mr Cluett cuts the field. Until recently he received a payment of £500 which it is understood he passed on to the Royal British Legion. A new arrangement is now in place whereby the payment is not actually made, but £500 is transferred into an earmarked reserve to be used on future pavilion works. BF and JB feel there might be some merit in formalising the arrangement, especially the frequency and timing of cuts, and they will try and draft an appropriate form of words.

17/21 – Other business: The fire inspections have been undertaken; PAT testing will be needed shortly; JB raised the matter of the village trust fund. MW said this had been raised with the parish council over the last couple of years. The parish council has decided not to take over the role of the trustee but if the fund is properly wound-up it would be able to take funds on the same lines as happened with the donation from the Wonston club trustees a few years ago.

18/21. Date of next meeting: Monday 11th October 2021 at 6.30 pm.

19/21. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

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