

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF HAZELBURY
BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALEC'S FIELD PAVILION ON MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021
AT 6:30PM**

Present: Jim Bettle (JB), who took the Chair; Bernie Flynn (BF) and Rebekah-Joy Spinks (RJS).
Members of the public- 2.

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

20/21. Apologies for absence: Received from Alun Read (AR) and Helen Fry (HF)

21/21. Declarations of Interest: None

22/21. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 were approved.

23/21. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None

24/21. Rubbish collections and removal – update on bins etc for waste management: MW has further information from the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP). It will provide bins at no charge provided it is contracted to empty the bins. Collections are weekly or fortnightly. Given volumes might fluctuate, it is possible to cancel a collection by giving 24 hours notice and thus not incur a charge for that week. An option of obtaining the bins and then cancelling collections so no charge is incurred was discussed. Alternatively, the parish council could buy four bins (plastic, glass, paper and landfill) and volunteers can remove to add to their domestic refuse. This would at least mean the rubbish is sorted for re-cycling wherever possible. MW will consider options more carefully in advance of the next meeting.

25/21. Football club – arrangements for the new season, including the Hornet's Nest café, gym equipment etc: MW still needs a full set of keys, JB will organise. AR is now on the Dorset FA fixtures distribution list. The gym equipment has been tidied safely. Ad hoc requests from individuals to use the equipment alone continue to be refused. The Hornet's Nest café is back operating, but is quieter than pre-pandemic. Disappointingly, the kitchen was very dirty with leftover take-away remains and a filthy oven. AR was asked to take a look and remedy if possible. In April/May 2022 further FA grants towards pitch improvements might be available.

26/21. Cricket club – update: The cricket club has done an excellent job of tidying the pavilion and its environs. The nets are repaired and the square has been scarified and a tonne of loam spread. The club are keen to liaise with the football club over the best time to undertake mole drainage work. It would best be done at the end of the cricket season and JB and BF will get a group together to agree a timetable.

27/21. Recreation ground grass cutting – update on progress on formalising arrangements: JB will speak with Mr Cluett regarding more regular cutting of the whole field to minimise the need for more drastic but less frequent cuts. JB Gardens cut round the pavilion as a free "extra" to the play area cutting. MW will ask if they can collect the grass cuttings to avoid them being walked into the pavilion. He will also ask for an indication of how much a football pitch cut and collect would cost.

28/21. Pavilion security - to consider progress with spare keys for every door for the parish council: JB will organise.

29/21. Sports equipment – update on 5-a-side nets: MW has ordered from Huck Nets. Delivery expected towards the end of the month.

30/21. Pavilion equipment – to consider progress with new Bluetooth speaker: AR, apparently, is trying to repair the existing speaker.

31/21. Youth club – update on plans to re-activate: RJS reported that the Methodist church locally, especially in Sturminster Newton, is losing a lot of the congregation. The mainstream church has approved same-sex marriages causing many to leave and establish a breakaway community of worship. Efforts are underway to bring the remaining "official" church communities together into a single body to worship, hopefully based in Hazelbury Bryan. Any revival of the youth club is on hold while events play out.

32/21. Play area – to consider repairs and maintenance, including broken gate and surface clearance: AR has agreed to fix the posts. MW is awaiting a meeting with JB Gardens to improve the surfaces.

33/21. Any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground: None

34/21. Date of next meeting: It was suggested the next meeting be held early in December. MW will liaise with AR over a date.

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