

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

Present: Alun Read (AR), Jim Bettle (JB), Bernie Flynn (BF) and Rebekah-Joy Spinks (RJS).

Members of the public: none

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

35/21. Apologies for absence: Received from Helen Fry (HF)

36/21. Declarations of Interest: None

37/21. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2021 were approved.

38/21. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None

39/21. Recreation ground grass cutting – update on progress on new arrangements: JB has discussed requirements with BF and the estimated need is for 25 – 30 cuts of the field over a year, with little or no activity in the winter. MW has been exploring potential contractors and he will now get quotes. There are other possible options. There is a club member who could use the gang mowers to do the work, towed behind his own vehicle. Another alternative is for the parish council to buy a machine for use by the clubs – BF will provide some indicative prices, models etc. MW's thought was that the parish council would prefer a contractor. Buying, storing safely and maintaining a grass cutting machine might be too onerous.

40/21. Rubbish collections and removal – update on bins etc for waste management: The new bins have arrived and JB will discuss the design and construction of a cabinet – potentially portable – with Alan Wilsden.

41/21. Football club – update: BF reported on a recent violent affray involving 4 club players and a spectator. The Dorset League and the Police are aware, but currently taking no action, and the club has held disciplinary hearings and banned 3 players for life, one player for the rest of the season and the spectator banned from any involvement with football club activities. BF has also personally visited the offenders at home to emphasise the bans. If there is any "revenge" activity the Police will become fully involved.

42/21. Cricket club – update: MW will check the subscription position and get back to JB. Three of the club members are now qualified as ECB Level 1 coaches and will hopefully be running after school sessions in the spring/summer. Ideally an under 11's team might emerge from the work in due course.

43/21. Pavilion equipment – to consider progress with new Bluetooth speaker: AR has sourced a repair to the speaker, which is now fine. JB would like to acquire a tennis table for the pavilion. This was agreed. RJS knows of one belonging to the Methodist church that might need a home.

44/21. Youth club – update on plans to re-activate: With structural change underway within the Methodist church, there is a possibility that the Hazelbury building might become a youth hub. RJS will be undertaking community surveys to try and identify youth needs and potential development leaders over the coming months.

45/21. Play area – to consider i) the annual safety inspection: This has been received. AR, JB and MW are to meet on site on Friday 10th December to review the findings. **ii) repairs and maintenance, including broken gate:** Again, to be covered in meeting on 10th December **iii) quote for renewing safety surface:** A quote from JB Gardens has been received. It is a significant sum and MW suggests it might be worth waiting until any refurbishment/upgrade of equipment takes place in the summer following receipt of S 106 monies from the Handley Cross development.

46/21. Any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground: JB reported on a volunteer initiative to improve the cycle jumps. JB will ask for plans to be drawn up for consideration. AR noted that bookings are still very slow.

47/21. Date of next meeting: It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Monday 7th February 2022 at 6.30pm.

48/21. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

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