

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF HAZELBURY
BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALEC'S FIELD PAVILION ON MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY
2022 AT 6:30PM**

Present: Alun Read (AR), Jim Bettle (JB), plus Neil Robson (NR) and Barry Thompson (BT) who were co-opted to the Committee (see minute 05/22 below). **Members of the public:** none

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

01/22. Apologies for absence: Received from Bernie Flynn (BF), who has now moved away

02/22. Declarations of Interest: None

03/22. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2021 were approved.

04/22. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None

05/22. To agree the co-option of two new Committee members: Neil Robson and Barry Thompson both live in properties adjacent to Alec's Field and, having offered their services, were gratefully co-opted onto the Committee with immediate effect.

06/22. Recreation ground grass cutting – update on progress on new arrangements: MW had received two quotes from grounds maintenance contractors, with the price per cut ranging from £140 to £160. Between 20 – 30 cuts year will be needed depending on the weather and fixtures. Louis Holman, the cricket club member who prepares the square and wicket, has also offered to cut the field. He would charge £45 a cut and use the existing gang mower. He has a background of pitch maintenance from working at Sandroyd School before he set up his own landscaping business. JB mentioned that the gang mower does require frequent repairs and maintenance and he suggested a budget figure of between £250-£500 should be sufficient. The margins of the field cannot be cut with the gang mower. JB will talk to LH to see how he might deal with this – he may not have the time or the equipment. Using JB Gardens to do the work when they strim the play area is another option. MW will confirm arrangements to LH and write to the two contractors thanking them for their quotes.

07/22. Rubbish collections and removal – update on bins etc for waste management: The new bin-store is virtually complete and JB, and other volunteers, will continue to dispose of the rubbish through their domestic arrangements.

08/22. Football club – update: There has been no adverse reaction to the disciplinary matters from before Christmas. The team continues to play regularly.

09/22. Cricket club – update: MW confirmed that the cricket club rent of £300 for the 2022 season is now due. JB has enquired if a Covid related reduction might be given by the parish council as the club missed out on social event income during the Pandemic. JB will discuss further with MW.

10/22. Pavilion equipment: JB will follow up with Rebekah-Joy Spinks to see a table is on offer. If not, then a table will be purchased from reserves.

11/22. Youth club – update on plans to re-activate: In the absence of Rebekah-Joy Spinks there was nothing definite to report.

12/22. Play area – to consider i) repairs and maintenance: AR and JB have undertaken the immediate repairs following the play inspection. TB will also spread the existing wood chip under the swings. More significant works are awaiting receipt of Section 106 funds from Handley Cross ii) **any other matters:** nothing more to report

13/22. Social events including the August Bank holiday weekend and the Platinum Jubilee: The field and pavilion have been booked for Saturday 4th June for the Jubilee celebrations being masterminded by the royal British Legion. The cricket club are planning a full programme of events including music and a day/night cricket match. They will probably need the field from Friday 26th to Tuesday 30th to set up and take down. AR has a long-standing booking for 27th and JB will talk with the hirer about changing her date.

14/22. Any other matters relating to the Recreation Ground: The gym equipment is not being used and will be moved to the container. Plans for further mole drainage of the football area are on hold. JB, Jamie Hart and Piers Griffith-Jones have passed their Level 1 coaching qualifications and will be delivering an after school “Chance to Shine” programme for Dorset Cricket. Specific sessions are also planned for the summer holidays

15/22. Date of next meeting: It was agreed future meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every month, starting on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm.

16/22. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.