

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF HAZELBURY
BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALEC'S FIELD PAVILION ON TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2022
AT 6:30PM**

Present: Jim Bettle (JB) – who took the chair, Neil Robson (NR) and Rebekah-Joy Spinks

Members of the public: None

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

68/22. Apologies for absence: Received from Helen Fry (HF), Barry Thompson (BT), Liz Stockley (LS) and Steve Murcer (SM)

69/22. Declarations of Interest: None

70/22. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2022 were approved.

71/22. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None.

72/22. Football club – update: The club remains mothballed for the season.

73/22. Cricket club – update: After a successful playing season the Cricket Club's summer weekend went well and raised £2.5k. of which £1k will be donated to the MacMillan charity. The club's AGM is on 11th November. In 2023 the club is expecting to run an under11's team with matches at Alec's Field on a Thursday evening, with the men's matches moving to the Wednesday evening.

74/22. Pavilion: JB and NR will be collecting the table tennis table on 19th October. MW reported that bookings are picking up with a new chakra dance/meditation group on Wednesday evenings, plus the revived youth club (see below). The new cleaning arrangements are working well. JB will check with Alun Read on past procedures for protecting the pavilion's plumbing from extreme cold.

75/22. Alec's Field: i) gang mower: MW will move forward with this to ensure a new mower is in place for the spring. If it is sourced long-distance, it might be possible for a Martin Richards truck to collect – MW will speak to MR.

ii) cycle "pump track": MW had followed up with other quotes and discussed their racks with Henstridge and Stalbridge town councils. Other track installers charges seem to start at around £50k. The local tracks were built by Chris Rose at a significantly lower cost - £15k at Henstridge – but are tarmac tracks, not dirt and chippings. It was agreed that MW will organise a meeting between the parish council – SM and or LS – with Chris Rose to see if a way forward can be agreed. **iii) field gate:** The existing padlock is very tricky to open with the key. It was agreed MW should purchase a new combination padlock.

76/22. Youth matters: i) youth club: RJS has revived the youth club on a Friday evening, with funding agreed for the next six weeks. The success or otherwise will then be evaluated to decide whether it will continue into 2023. **ii) "Encounter" project:** RJS has successfully applied for a grant from the Methodist Church of £1,500. This will focus on the mental health and general well-being of local people who are without the IT technology to access NHS support services available on-line. She will run two sessions a week in the pavilion – one in school hours aimed at parents, and one shortly after school for children. Six reconditioned laptops will be purchased from Dorset Technology(?) at £150 each. She has support from the Church to set-up a wi-fi hotspot. The laptops will be set-up with strong controls to ensure only appropriate content can be seen. There are some issues to resolve a) Volunteers will be needed to help with the sessions. These will need to be DBS checked for safeguarding. She has asked if anyone knows of people who might help? JB said a project description and a role specification will be needed so any volunteers can understand what is involved. RJS will do this.

b) Ideally the six laptops will be stored in the pavilion, perhaps in the locked cleaner's cupboard. MW will check with the parish council's insurers to see if there are any implications that need to be managed.

c) RJS in in post until August 2023 when she will be moving on as part of her training. If the project is to carry on beyond that time, management and control will have to be vested in the volunteers, perhaps under the control of the parish council. Does the parish council wish to take on this role from mid-2023?

d) Laptop computers – if the project thrives, and the initiative continues once RJS has left, then the computers can remain under the control of the parish council for use in these sessions. If the project does not continue then the computers will go back to the Church.

e) RJS asked if the parish council will charge for the pavilion hire for these sessions? She asked if they might be free given the possible transfer of the computers in 2023. MW will refer to the parish council.

77/22. Other matters relating to the recreation ground: i) the Hobson's have mentioned a cover to a drainage culvert has been overgrown by a hedge- JB and NR will take a look ii) JB will source some more bark for the play area – NR will assist with the spreading. iii) JB noted that the new rubbish bin arrangements are working well.

78/22. Date of next meeting: Meeting will return on a regular basis on the third Tuesday of every month and so the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 6.30pm.

79/22. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.