

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF HAZELBURY
BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALEC'S FIELD PAVILION ON TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2023
AT 6:30PM**

Present: Liz Stockley (LS), Jim Bettle (JB), Neil Robson (NR), Barry Thompson (BT)

Members of the public: None

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW)

14/23. Apologies for absence: None

15/23. Declarations of Interest: None

16/23. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2023 were approved.

17/23. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: None.

18/23. Cricket club – update: JB will liaise with MW over fixture bookings for 2023; the list is nearly complete. The rent of £300 for the 2023 season will be paid shortly.

19/23. Allotment society water bill: MW has agreed a fixed unit rate with the Society, which will simplify the process going forward.

20/23. Funding sources, including a) village trust fund: MW reported on a likely donation of £5k to the playing field from the village trust fund, which is being wound-up. The trust is happy that these funds are used to purchase something specific, such as a new gang mower.

b) Section 106 monies from Handley Cross development: MW reported that £36k of Section 106 money will be available from the Handley Cross development for community infrastructure. However, Dorset Council has introduced new levels of bureaucratic controls that might restrict the ability of the parish council to access the funds for projects that it considers important. This might affect any refurbishment of the play area, but MW has more investigative work to carry out.

21/23. Pavilion: i) bookings: The Koru Therapeutic School have not yet decided on whether bookings will continue after Easter. They have given really positive feedback about the pavilion, which is good, so fingers crossed for more bookings. General bookings are ticking over. **ii) other matters:** NR will look more fully into converting the heaters to a push-button timer arrangement. A qualified electrician might be needed for the installation – JB has someone in mind. NR will also make a slight change to the light switch in the official's room to avoid confusion as to whether the switch is on or off.

22/23. Play area – annual safety inspection: JB/NR and BT will get together shortly to deal with some of the more urgent but relatively minor repairs. Notwithstanding doubts over the availability of S 106 funds as detailed above, MW will approach Wickstead to get an idea of the costs of a refurbishment of their equipment.

23/23. Alec's Field: i) gang mower: MW gave an update. Grass Mowing World now has a Ransome in stock for refurbishment and sale. JB will discuss the technical specification with Louis Holman. It might be possible to negotiate a sensible price, MW will continue discussions. Martin Richard has offered the use of one of his trucks returning empty from a delivery to collect, assuming the route and timings are convenient. There is an option to trade in the existing – but the logistics may not make it economic to do so and keeping it for spares might be a better option. The imminent donation from the village trust fund gives some flexibility over how much the parish council can afford. **ii) cycle “pump track”:** The parish council has approved this project subject to the costs of materials being broadly in line with original estimates. JB will ask Jamie Hart for an update and MW will advise Chris Rose.

24/23. Youth matters - the “Encounter” project: No news received.

25/23. Other matters relating to the recreation ground: There is the possibility of a football club being revived, but details are thin at present. Planning of Coronation arrangements seem well underway

26/23. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 6.30pm.

27/23. Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10pm.