

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 30th January 2023 at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 0LQ

Members present: Cllr Tim England (Chairman) Cllr Ed Wakely
Terry Crocker Suzanne Brister
Lou Wrightson Ian Brister
Alison Cox

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)
Bruce Barton
Georgina Fitchett

Item

RFA/11 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gareth Mcaveety.

Resolved. To accept the apologies.

RFA/12 Declarations of interest Members to declare any interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for dispensations that accord with the Localism Act s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

There were no declarations of interest

RFA/13 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022.

Resolved. That the minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022 be signed as correct.

RFA/14 100 club

(a) To update the committee on the status of the 100 club.

The Clerk reported that the parish council discussed how this would operate. Initially it was thought that the draw would take place in the Duke of York, but the Clerk had since found out that other councils held their draw at a council meeting as this was a meeting open to the general public. The draw was going to be held on a monthly basis and the only draw that would take place in the pub would be the August one, when there was no parish council meeting. It was suggested that this be at 5.30 pm on a Sunday. The draw is monthly, although the same amount in prize money would be given. The money raised will still go to the recreation field. The agreed changeover date is 1st April. The payment would be by preferably by standing order or by cheque. Lou Wrightson offered to support anyone who wanted to set up a standing order. Lou offered to help the Clerk sort out the administration, as letters will need to go to current members as soon as possible, so that they can confirm by the end of February if they wish to join.

Action – Lou Wrightson & Clerk

RFA/15 The Pavilion

(a) To update the committee on the results of the Electrical Inspection Report.

(b) To update the committee on the proposal put to Parish Council to carry out a village consultation about the future of the Pavilion.

(a) The Clerk reported that there had been an electrical inspection report carried out on the Pavilion in late January, as this had been requested by the insurance company. There were a lot of C2 items that could potentially become dangerous and need to be rectified. Bruce confirmed that the insurers have given us 60 days from the date of the inspection to complete the remedial work. A quote is being prepared by the contractor and the Parish Council would need to approve the expenditure.

(b) Tim England said the parish council had discussed having a village consultation on the future of the recreation field. There will be an on-line survey and a paper survey which would go out with The Web. We would ask in the shop in they could be a collection point for people wishing to complete a paper survey. Tim has to meet with Nigel, the chair of the parish council, to discuss the content of the survey. He felt this should be focussed on the pavilion, with some questions on the use of the facilities.

He also mentioned the setting up a Facebook page for the recreation field and could help with this. Lou said she would speak to Richard M about how to set this up. **Action – Lou Wrightson**

RFA/16 Recreation Field Maintenance

To update the committee on the grass cutting contract and discuss possible alternatives.

The Clerk reported that the current contractor was stopping the grass cutting at the end of March. She was going to put out to tender for a new contractor. She has contacted other parish councils to see who they are using.

A discussion took place as to whether in the future having our own grass cutting equipment may be a cheaper alternative, although we would need someone to carry out the cutting. There was previously equipment kept at the recreation field, along with a tractor (which had since broken) but the gang mowers and roller had gone to the Barrington cricket ground. Tim said he would speak to Jesse P to see if they were still there. **Action – Tim England**

It was suggested that the current contractor be asked if they could continue with the grass cutting until the second week of May, to cover the football season and to give us time to get a tender out. Lou offered to ask them. **Action – Lou Wrightson**

RFA/17 Maintenance of Play Equipment

To review the safety inspection report and discuss actions to be taken (Moderate Risk pages 9,10,11,20,23,35,42,43) To see if repairs to the balance beam can be carried out by members of the committee.

This was discussed and it was confirmed that the balance beam repairs could be carried out by the committee. Some of the equipment mentioned, whilst it fitted standards at the time of installation, standards had since changed and so it no longer met the new ones.

It was suggested that Lou, Bruce and Ian meet in the next couple of weeks at the recreation field to go through the safety report and make recommendations to the parish council.

Action – Lou Wrightson, Bruce Barton and Ian Brister

RFA/18 Maintenance of benches

To confirm if the broken benches and picnic tables have been repaired.

It was confirmed that the picnic tables had been repaired, but the bench repair was ongoing. Tim mentioned that there were other villagers who may be willing to help with repairs if we publicised this and asked for volunteers.

Meeting closed: 8:45 pm

Next meeting: Monday 3rd April 2023