

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7.30 pm
In The Pavilion, Lethbridge Recreation Field, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 ONE

Members present: Cllr Tim England (Chairman) Suzanne Brister
Ian Brister Terry Crocker
Gareth McAveety Myles Lambert
Lou Wrightson

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Item

RFA/80 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Georgina Fitchett, Ed Wakely and Alison Cox.

RFA/81 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/82 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 29th April 2024.

Resolved. The minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 29th April were signed as correct.

RFA/83 Repairs to climbing frame

To update the committee on the repairs to the climbing frame

Tim said that we now have someone who will carry out the welding as it could not be repaired with Epoxy resin. There is a rotten piece of wood which Geoff in the village has offered to repair it. Lou and Tim said they would remind him.

Action – Tim & Lou

The Parish Council get an amount of money when new homes are built and it can be used for recreational facilities, so the amount that they currently hold (£264) will be put towards the repairs.

RFA/84 Calibrated weight test on the zip line

To decide who is going to carry out this (documented) test and when.

Gareth said they needed someone of a specific weight to carry out the testing. As Lou is the required weight, she offered to help test it.

Action – Gareth & Lou

RFA/85 Fund Raising

To decide on the next fundraising event and set a date for it.

It was decided that it was too late now to hold the 'Big Camp Out' during the summer holidays although we could potentially hold this in September. Our insurance will cover it as long as we adhere to their requirements. We would like to run another bingo session in the pub in November again this year. A treasure hunt was also a suggestion for older children.

It was decided to set up a working group to discuss fund raising, who would then bring ideas to both this committee and inform the Parish Council. Lou, Gareth, Myles & Tim offered to be on this group. They will meet before the next committee meeting and come up with some ideas.

Action – Tim, Lou, Gareth & Myles

RFA/86 Play Equipment

To discuss which play equipment needs repair, what needs to be replaced and how we fund it.

From a repair point of view, the climbing frame is the only piece of equipment that needs repair. We need to determine what we are going to buy with the money that is allocated for new equipment. Tim said the school had sent him details of the company who supplied their new equipment. With the

money we have we can probably only buy one piece of equipment. It was decided that we should choose 3 pieces of equipment that we could afford and then put a poll on Facebook for the village to choose one. Tim will email the group literature from the companies that he has looked at.

Action - Tim

RFA/87 Trees on the embankment

Decide what trees and planting to put onto the embankment, when this should be carried out and how we fund it.

It was noted that the path running at the top of the embankment was really overgrown and the Clerk will ask if the Ranger can strim this for us.

Action – Parish Clerk

Tim said that ideally the whole bank needs to be strimmed and so he would ask if the Ranger would have time to do this.

Action - Tim

There needs to be a staged approach with the work on the embankment. The dead trees near the top of the bank will need to be removed first. A set of trees can then be planted by the edge of the embankment, which people can pay for and dedicate to someone. Various tree options were discussed (Copper Beech, Rowan, Walnut, Oak & Beech). It was thought that about 8 – 10 trees would be enough, but the path can be measured and we can pace out how many can go there (they should be about 3 metres apart). We need to select the trees first and then advertise them. It was thought that, if possible, we should buy smaller trees with a maximum cost of £60. The Autumn (October to March) would be the time to plant the trees and there would be maintenance required in the first year.

The information on what trees, how many and the cost will be circulated to the committee before the October meeting.

Action - Tim

In the meantime, the weeds on the ground needs to be sprayed and then later this year we could plant wild flower seeds. It was hoped that we could get volunteers to help with the planting.

RFA/88 Date of next working party

To finalise a date for the next working party and list the jobs to be carried out.

It was decided that the date should be Sunday 8th September and the following tasks would be on the list for completion: -

- ◆ Thin out the trees along the path at the top of the bank (may need to use a chainsaw)
- ◆ Pace out where the proposed trees will go in order to decide on the number needed
- ◆ Repaint the other entrance gate
- ◆ Mend the fascia and guttering
- ◆ Paint the MUGA goals
- ◆ A general tidy up
- ◆ Put the tennis net up and check if the winding mechanism works OK
- ◆ Mend the picnic bench

The volunteers will be emailed with the date of the working party and it will be posted on the Facebook page.

Action - Tim

RFA/89 Update on actions from previous meetings

The actions were reviewed and items that had been completed were removed.

RFA/90 Any other business

There was no other business

Meeting closed: 8.50 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 14th October at 7.30 pm