

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 OLQ

Members present: Cllr Tim England (Chairman) Georgina Fitchett
Myles Lambert Ed Wakely

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Item

RFA/91 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gareth McAveety, Lou Wrightson, Ian Brister, Suzanne Brister, Terry Crocker and Alison Cox.

RFA/92 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/93 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024

Resolved. The minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024 were approved as correct.

RFA/94 Finances

To update the committee on the funds available to spend.

The Clerk reported that there was just over £3,700 to put towards play equipment.

RFA/95 Repairs to climbing frame

To update the committee on the progress to date.

Tim said he would contact Wayne again to see what the situation was, as last time he came to repair it, he was unable to get into the recreation field.

Action - Tim

RFA/96 Calibration weight test on the zip line

To update the committee on the result of the calibration.

As neither Gareth or Lou was in attendance, Tim said he would contact them to see if this had been carried out.

Action - Tim

RFA/97 The embankment

In view of the fact that the last working party had to be cancelled, to prepare a timetable of the work still needed to be carried out.

Neil Chapman will clear everything from the embankment, this coming weekend if it is dry. The existing trees at the back need to be thinned out. The embankment is about 100 metres and the working party was going to work out how many trees and what type need to go there, but the weather meant that the day was cancelled. Any trees we put along the embankment will take a while before they grow. We would need at least 10 trees. As previously mentioned, if we ask for people to dedicate a tree, we need to decide if they can put up a plaque, and who is responsible if the tree dies and needs to be replaced. If we go ahead with this, it can be mentioned in the January Newsletter.

Action – Parish Clerk

Myles said he could find out the type of tree available and the cost.

Action - Myles

Myles said he may be able to provide a few kilos of wild flower seeds that we could plant on the embankment once it had been cleared.

Action - Myles

It was mentioned that maybe we should do something about the existing conifers and possibly plant something else along the line, in preparation for when they are taken down. This can be discussed at a future meeting.

RFA/98 Choice of new play equipment

To decide which 3 pieces of play equipment should be chosen for the community to choose one from. **Unresolved.** Although Gareth and Tim have contacted some companies, they have not yet got solid prices and so this item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Action – Gareth / Tim

RFA/99 Feedback from fund raising working group

To inform the committee of fund-raising ideas following the working group meeting.

Tim said that the suggested Camp Out did not take place as it was the same night as South Petherton Carnival, but he had received good feedback from parents and so we can arrange one in May/June next year.

The Events Team have already taken the Bingo night slot for November and so we will look at doing one in February or March next year. Lou will ask the new owners.

Action - Lou

Lou had also suggested running a treasure hunt, which they will look to do in the future.

Ed asked if we had approached local businesses to see if they could help and it was suggested that we ask Branstons and Protexin. It was also suggested we contact The Trading Post.

RFA/100 Working Party

To decide if a new date for the working party can be arranged before Christmas.

There will be a working party organised before Christmas, probably on Saturday 2nd November. We already have a list of tasks. It was thought that Tim, Ed & Myles may be able to go up separately to thin out the existing trees at the back of the embankment.

RFA/101 Any other Business

Tim said the football club had contacted him about the dog poo on the football pitch and around the pavilion, which they had to clear up. It was suggested that if they could keep a record, it would help us to then report this to the dog warden.

Action – Football Club

Meeting closed: 8.20 pm

Date of next meeting: 3rd February 2025