

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall, Middle Street, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 OLQ

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

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Item

RFA/102 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Myles Lambert, Ed Wakely, Terry Crocker and Alison Cox.

RFA/103 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).

Resolved. There were no declarations of interest.

RFA/104 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024.

Resolved. The minutes from the committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th October were approved as correct.

RFA/105 Calibration weight test on the zip wire

To update the committee on the result of the calibration (c/f from last meeting).

Gareth & Lou reported that they had tested the zip wire and it was 320ml above the ground when weighted, whereas it should have been 350ml. Tim & Gareth will adjust this so that it is correct.

Action – Tim & Gareth

RFA/106 The embankment

To confirm if we are going ahead with the trees and if we ask for them to be donated. To confirm the type of trees available and their cost.

Myles had contacted Tim so say we just need to confirm the size of the trees that we want. Delivery costs would not be incurred and trees could be delivered around the end of March. A native mix was suggested of 6-8 cm diameter trees up to 2 metres high for £30 each. Myles will donate the stakes and straps for the trees. The next Newsletter is not until April but we can see if any villager wanted to dedicate a tree to someone or sponsor a tree. It was decided the charge should be £40 per tree and people should provide their own small plaque (A5 maximum size). We still need to see how many trees we need to buy, although it was suggested that 12 to 15 trees be purchased. It was suggested that the Clerk put details into the March issue of the Web and Tim put details on the Facebook page. Myles also has some wildflower seed which can be scattered onto the embankment.

Action – Parish Clerk / Tim

RFA/107 Choice of new play equipment

To decide which 3 pieces of play equipment should be chosen for the community to select one from (c/f from last meeting).

Unresolved. This will be carried forward to the next meeting. In the meantime, Tim & Gareth will pick three items and then go to local firms to see if we can get sponsorship. **Action – Tim / Gareth**

RFA/108 Maintenance of Play Equipment

To update on the current state of the play equipment and the annual inspection.

Tim reported that the external annual report had been received and all risks were shown as low or very low.

RFA/109 Fund raising

To discuss the upcoming bingo night and any future fund-raising events.

Tim reported that we have various local companies who have given raffle prizes for the bingo night on 11th February. There will be a summer camp-out planned and 21st June was the suggested date. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

RFA/110 Dog Fouling

To update on the current situation re dog mess in the recreation field.

It was noted that there was still dog mess on the recreation field and in the play area. Tim said that the committee had previously asked for glow in the dark dog signs, which the Clerk has been asked to buy. It was suggested that at least 6 signs be purchased.

Action – Parish Clerk

RFA/111 Any other business

- ◆ Tim reported that the grit bin was now up at the recreation field. The football club said they would fill it with some grit from their storage area. Tim said he would put details on the Facebook page. **Action - Tim**
- ◆ Ian asked when the guttering and roof would be repaired and it was decided that we should get quotes from local contractors. Lou will ask for 2 quotes and Tim will ask for 1 quote as it may be better if this work was carried out by a professional. **Action – Lou / Tim**
- ◆ Ian asked when the next working party would be. A date of Sunday 6th April was suggested.
- ◆ The temporary fence near the play equipment area needs to be repaired and this can be added to the tasks for the working group.

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th May at the Recreation Field Pavilion