

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.30 pm
In The Pavilion, Lethbridge Recreation Field, Shepton Beauchamp TA19 ONE

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

In attendance: Stella Davies (Clerk)

Item

RFA/112 Apologies for absence

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

RFA/113 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)

RFA/114 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 4th February 2025

Resolved. The minutes from the committee meeting held on Monday 4th February were approved as correct

RFA/115 Finances

The Clerk updated the council that at the end of last financial year there was £4,167.40 available towards new play equipment and £5,181.35 toward minor improvements. These will be carried forward to this financial year.

RFA/116 Zip wire height

To confirm that following the testing, the zip wire has been adjusted to the correct height

Tim said that this had not yet been carried out, so this will be actioned as soon as possible.

Action – Tim / Gareth

RFA/117 The Pavilion quotes for repairing the under-hang roof & guttering

To discuss the quotes received and depending on the cost either accept a quote or decide which to recommend to the council

No firm quotes have been received to date, although one builder had verbally quoted in the region of £2,000 - £5,000. Quotes will hopefully be obtained before the next committee meeting. It was suggested we contact Sid, Mathew Horgan and one other. It was also suggested that Tim speak to Andrew to see if he could recommend anyone.

Action – Tim / Lou

When the quotes are received then this will be passed to the Parish Council as this is outside the scope of 'minor improvements'

This item is to be added to the next rec committee agenda

Action – Parish Clerk

RFA/118 Planting of trees along the embankment

To confirm which trees will be purchased, how many and when. To confirm the number of people who wish to dedicate or sponsor a tree

Myles had previously confirmed the type of trees to plant (12 – 15 native mix). The Clerk confirmed that 6 people so far had confirmed that they would like to dedicate or sponsor a tree. She had sent a holding email thanking them and saying we would contact them again later in the year as Autumn would now be the time to plant the trees. She will put this in the next Newsletter to see if we can get more people.

Action – Parish Clerk

RFA/119 Solstice Camp out

To discuss the summer camp out to be held on 21st June and confirm how many people have signed up to attend

Tim reported that a register had been put onto Facebook and so far, there were 3 groups (so approximately 12 people). He is hoping more will register for the event. Activities will be decided upon and there will be a marquee if weather is bad and a BBQ which can be borrowed from M.I. It was suggested we ask the school if we can borrow some items (e.g. rounders equipment). This will be discussed further in an informal meeting.

It was suggested that we ask the school if we could borrow their urn (or the one from the village hall) to use instead of a kettle.

Action - Tim

The Clerk was asked to check the email received from the insurance company to confirm that it would be fine to hold as there would be no fires and there would only be a central gas BBQ.

Action – Parish Clerk

RFA/120 Choice of new Play Equipment

To report on which 3 items of play equipment have been chosen

Tim confirmed that a few play equipment companies had been contacted. Our budget is quite small for companies to come out and advise. We could still ask for grants from local companies towards the cost of the equipment. The Charity Trustees could be another organisation to ask.

It was suggested that Somerset Association of Local Councils could also be asked for a grant.

Action – Parish Clerk

It was also mentioned that the MUGA was deteriorating. We also need to encourage people to use the recreation field for more activities – e.g. A Tennis Ladder. A walking football team was also suggested.

RFA/121 Grass cutting

To report on email received about contractors not picking up grass at the recreation field and discuss the response

The Clerk reported that she had received an email asking if the contractors could pick up the grass when they cut the recreation field. The committee discussed this and agreed a response.

RFA/122 Any other business

Lou said she would get the seat that was being repaired, back soon.

We need to de-rust and paint the other main gate and so another working group would be arranged after the Camp Out.

Tim confirmed that the 'glow in the dark' dog signs had now been received. One will go on the MUGA. We have 5 signs, so need to decide where the others will go.

Meeting closed: **8.25 p.m.**

Date of next meeting – Monday 11th August in the Pavilion