

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION FIELD

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 11th August 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
Suzanne Brister	Terry Crocker
Myles Lambert	Alison Cox

In attendance: Ruby Coombes (Clerk)

Item

RFA/123 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ed Wakely and Stella Davies

RFA/124 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/125 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes from the committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025

Resolved. The minutes from the committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th May were approved as correct.

RFA/126 Committee members

To approve the appointment of new committee members.

Resolved. It was resolved to appoint Stella Davies and Jess Dennis to the committee.

RFA/127 Finances

The clerk provided an update relating to the finances of the committee.

RFA/128 The Pavilion quotes for repairing the under-hang roof & guttering

The committee discussed the quotes received for an asbestos survey. The committee opted to proceed with the more thorough assessment of the building resulting in a clear picture of the situation. All voted in favour of proceeding with the quote received for £275.00.

RFA/129 New playground equipment including groundworks quotes

The ground clearance quotes that had been received were discussed. These involved removing the built up areas from the playground and adding the soil to the embankment and the slope to enable more planting by removing the tree bark and replacing with grass. The potential of removing the mounds by a working party was discussed. Cllr England agreed to raise this with Cllr Wakely.

It was decided the Clerk would register an expression of interest for the Rural Prosperity Fund in relation to the play equipment. It was noted that there will be S106 money received from the development at Piece Lane which would allow for development of the play area. It was felt that the pavilion repairs required would also need to be considered when the S106 was received

RFA/130 Haws Memorial

The committee discussed the Haws Memorial Shelter in the centre of the embankment and whether it can be restored. It was decided that quotes should be gathered to establish the cost of redoing the roof. It was suggested the splay could be altered to allow a greater field of vision. The committee were supportive of this project and decided to allocate an upper limit of £1300 for the work to be completed.

RFA/131 The Bank / The Slope

There have been expressions of interest in planting a tree as a memorial. It was noted that they need to be planted this autumn. Myles agreed to confirm the pricing, but there will be a maximum 5% increase in cost. It was suggested these be planted in November

RFA/132 Fundraising

It was reported that the Solstice camp out raised £366. Improvements for the next event included more advertising and investment in a card machine.

Further fundraising ideas were discussed such as a bingo night (Lou), a treasure hunt around the village, a meat raffle at Christmas, a food pop-up event.

The idea of forming a sub-committee of Gareth, Tim, Jess and Lou in relation to fundraising was discussed.

RFA/122 Any other business

It was noted that it is approaching 100 years since the football club was formed. The committee decided to aim to have the memorial work completed before then.

A working party date for end of September was also discussed and this will be communicated via email.

Meeting closed: 20:49 p.m.

Date of next meeting – 10th November 2025 in the Village Hall