

## BUCKLAND BREWER PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 7.30pm In the Coach and Horses Skittle Alley

- 500 **Present:** Chris Layton, Andrew Hewitt, Harvey Brown, Laura Odell, Alan Sutton, Matt Fry, Rob Mills, Theresa Hector, Sam Bampton, Christine Lemarque.
- 501 **Apologies:** Roger Walter, David Brown
- 502 **Welcome:** New member Sam Bampton. Guest Christine Lemarque, who successfully organised a bring and share picnic as part of the great get together. Christine was congratulated by the committee for this event.
- 503 **Minutes of meeting** 14/3/17 were agreed and signed as accurate.
- 504 **Matters arising:** RW updated over email that the fete will not be utilising the field this year. Also that the VH would be freezing prices until running costs have been established which should not effect the BBPFA unduly as used minimally.
- 505 **Correspondence:** Patrick Blossie, Clerk to Parish Council had confirmed via email that regarding the suggested new access to the allotments via the playing field, the PC are happy to take responsibility for the reinstating of the hedge according to the terms of lease if required. AH presented the suggested positioning (top left hand corner close to the hedge partnering the car park) of the access point and advised this would be a walk through only. The area had been chosen due to the thickness of the hedge and issues such as ground level will be considered when work commences. AH to update accordingly.  
**Action: AH**
- 506 **Grass cutting and Field Maintenance:** Grass cutting going well on 2 week basis over summer. AS raised the issue of a number of 'eyesores' which need to be addressed. See point 511 below. AS requested more work on the Pétanque area. AH advised the grass seeding had failed due to weather and more favourable weather was being waited on before seeding again. It was decided that to ensure the community starts to get the benefit from the area, a ply board would be fixed and plastic trunk would be sourced to allow usage asap. (The toilet as storage was disregarded due to poor state and siting) AS to source box and ensure equipment is in place before sports days in 2 weeks (CLM advised she would ask the school and report back if they planned on using the field this year for sports day as they hadn't in the previous year) AH to fix board.  
CL advised a need for a further helper to join a rotation of equipment inspectors. TH and SB kindly offered their time and will coordinate with CL a convenient time to attend an induction.  
CL advised the wet pour crack was becoming worse and needs to be addressed. TK play has quoted in excess of £300. AH to look in to a more cost effective option and report back at next meeting as a matter of priority.  
CL also advised the eyelets on the clatter bridge needs replacing. CL also reiterated the importance of ensuring a proper job to remain inline with insurance obligations. AH confirmed he is in the process of replacing the D shackles on the swings and will research options and bring to next meeting as a matter of urgency.  
**Action: AH, AS, CLM, SB, CL, TH**
- 507 **Treasurers Report:** A full report was presented by CL (enclosed) AH noted internet payments and shared concerns regarding a lack of counter signatory using this method. HB advised in future, the treasurer should obtain a brief email confirmation from the chairperson as confirmation of approval .  
CL confirmed the last quiz made £340.  
**Action: CL**
- 508 **Field Groundworks update and costings to date:** CL presented accounts to show circa £3000 had been spent so far. HB confirmed he was happy with this tracking and that the budget is on track.
- 509 **Stage 1 Review:** MF confirmed that the wild play area is ready for next stage. Discussion regarding whether wood chip was necessary throughout. LO confirmed she envisaged the

area to be low maintenance grass unless wood chip is required for safety to which she would be happy to be guided by committee. MF confirmed we need to be mindful of mower width when plotting as accessibility is important for cost effective maintenance. AH advised the stones in the earth need to be removed before grass seeding. Discussion regarding whether we need a machine or man power to remove stones? AH to advise thoughts. HB requested that MF move forward with next stage. It was agreed that MF would commence sourcing materials (with support from LO if required) and start building up asap. Each 'station' will need to be finished in its entirety and uncordoned before commencing another station is started to ensure the committee are managing public use and health and safety. CL to advise the insurance company the wild play area is in use upon the opening of the first station. Targeting completion SEPTEMBER 2017 in line with Pétanque. RW to begin coordinating a community tournament in line with Pétanque opening.

**Action: MF, CL, RW**

- 510 Stage 2 review:** AH advised the Parish Council are proceeding with rerouting the footpath along goosey lane, making the through gate null and void. AH also advised the Parish Council are citing new benches on the village green. AH has provisionally earmarked the old benches for the pétanque court as long as a minimal budget could be secured from BBPFA for new timber where necessary. MF advised there are currently no reclaimed benches on offer at Rosemoor.

Gardeners corner: AS advised the gardening club would offer advice but would not like to be involved in planting up a gardeners corner in the field. This, alongside the skate park development and fort will stay on the agenda for phase 2 next year.

**Action: AH**

- 511 Cricket equipment:** RM joined the meeting at which time discussions regarding 'eyesores' was resumed. RM confirmed the shelter and mowing equipment would be moved without delay. RM also confirmed the easiest short term solution for the nets would be to repurchase netting for facility to be used by the community. AH to source.

**Action: RM, AH**

- 512 Fundraisers:** Quiz: 22nd April went well. 1 table short. The committee thanked AS for his hard work and a potential date for the next quiz was October. As advised it might be nice to use the hall for the next one although that would require more effort and help. AS to report back to committee with a confirmed date.

Sparkler party. LO confirmed happy to organise on 5/11/17. Will circulate notes nearer the time.

CLM suggested a camping fundraiser, perhaps for 2018. A pitch up fee was discussed and BBQ etc. Perhaps midsummer. This idea was met with positivity and the committee requested CLM come back with firm plans. The issue of portaloos as a large expense was raised.

CLM also advised that the playing field need to improve PR and exposure in the form of more events. CLM cited the bring and share picnic as a way to utilise the field and draw people to it. The committee agreed and requested CLM look in to organising a non-fundraising picnic annually to promote the field. It was also decided that the secretary should submit Minutes to the parish website.

RM suggested applying to the supermarket token system as an easy form of fundraising. RM to look in to viability and report back.

**Action: AS, LO, CLM, RM**

- 513 AOB:** LO proposed CLM as new committee member. Seconded by HB. A new member form was submitted.

- 514 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19th September 2017. 7.30pm. AS to book pub.

**Action: AS**

**The meeting closed at 9.45.**