

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM

Present

Chairman- Cllr M Munday	Mrs J Scott – Clerk	Cllr B Feltwell	Cllr M Bamford
Cllr K Spicer	Cllr P Cross,	Cllr J Wheals	Cllr N Moxey
Also present	C Hawes – Tree Warden	T Hamstead – Footpath Warden	
Jon Haines – Maritime FC	Alison Partridge	Gail Nye	Andrew Chatfield

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

- To Record Apologies for Absence** - Cllr C Perry - unwell
- To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 October 2020** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.
Proposed Cllr M Bamfield Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU
- Matters arising from the minutes** – No matters arising – all covered by Agenda items
- To discuss drainage of Parish Field on pitch & other areas including Access** - John Haines reported its condition as “pretty bad”- it cannot be used and at the moment it is so flooded you can’t even walk a dog on it. The pitch has been tined down to 14” which did make a difference but it really needs more substantial work on it – under surface drainage in the form of “French Drains” ie drain pipes put underneath the surface with ditches 2/3 to 3/4 around the field. CH confirmed that the ditches are inside the tree line - which is the PC boundary - but needs to be clarified. Jon confirmed he would get a couple of quotes for the work needed for the Parish Field and access point – there is a ditch between the School Field and the Parish Field. The ditches need clearing and it will need 12-24 drains put across the width or length of the field. Estimated cost to do it properly £10K which Maritime could part fund - 70-75% - however Maritime would require a longer arrangement with the Parish Council – at least 5 years before it could obtain funding. Cllr Munday thanked Jon for his input – Optimum time to get the work done – April or May – 30 day turn round to get grant in place it was estimated - the work would take about a month to complete.
- Volunteer Group – Fireworks Purchased - £530** - T Hamstead reported that the fireworks could not be set off on New Year’s Eve but will be used on Bonfire Night this year.
- To receive & discuss Working Party Recommendations re Equipment on field & agree budget amount for the project** - Cllr Munday thanked the Working Party for their proposals and the quote from Action Play and Leisure for six items of equipment at a cost of £9,204 including installation. (Attached). It was confirmed that 22 responses had been received from 11-16 year olds and Tim Hamstead was eager to investigate grants for this type of equipment. He was told that whilst the Parish Council is very supportive of this project, drainage is a priority at the moment.
- Container – Paint - Update.** - T Hamstead confirmed that as soon as the weather improves – Easter hopefully - he will get help and paint the container. Tree Warden reported that when he had put the tree guards in the container, he found it difficult to close the door.
- Any Other Business** - None
- Date and Time of Next Remote Meeting** – March 2021 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.31 pm.