

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH 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	Alison Partridge

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** - Cllr D Schumacher
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 February 2021** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr M Bamfield Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – Saxon Pest Control have removed the traps from the Playing Field as the moles are not very active – there will be no charge and are happy to re-evaluate in the Spring - Rest covered by Agenda items
4. **Drainage of Parish Field on pitch & other areas including Access** – A meeting was held with Miles Drainage on 4 March attended by Cllrs Munday, Wheals, Bamford, Feltwell & J Haines (Maritime FC) – depending on how wide we have the drainage pipes it could cost in the region of £30K-£40K – so obviously we need to look at further funding maybe from Babergh's CIL pot. Jon Haines to approach the Football Association. If we can get the funding the work will be done in the summer and the field will be out of action for at least a month or more - it is usually out of action for 4-5 months a year so it is worthwhile getting it the job done and to solve the problem long term. A discussion took place on sources of funding – Cllr Feltwell will make initial contact with Viridor – The Clerk will chase Les Cotton to obtain a further quote. – Residents will need to be informed of more disruption but for long term gain.

Action: Clerk to contact Les Cotton

5. **To receive & discuss Working Party Recommendations re Equipment on field & agree budget amount for the project** - The Finance Working Party had met via Zoom to discuss possible funding of equipment and agreed the Parish Council could contribute £3K plus £1,159.59 in S106 monies. It was agreed that the equipment could be sited to the right of Maritime container towards the corner of the playing field within reasonable reach of the gate – also it is the driest area so will not be affected by drainage works and is away from houses. Brambles will need to be cut back – Tree Warden reported that the area did have rubble underneath. Footpath Warden will go ahead with next stage of Viridor application and it was proposed that this project should proceed to give this age group something, with the Parish Council contributing £3K plus £1,159.59 S106 monies ((£4,159.59) to be situated in the top end of the field away from the site of the bonfire.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

6. **Any Other Business** - The container had now been painted and the Footpath Warden and his team were thanked -the container is now looking very smart.
7. **Date and Time of Next Remote Meeting** – 1 April 2021 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.33 pm.