

**Minutes of committee of the Burton Playing Field Association
held on Monday, 8th January 2018 in the pavilion at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cath Thomson, Pam & Peter Harrison, Brian Bunn, John Shipman Pamela Parkin
Rachael Saunders & Phil Simmons (representing Tennis Club instead of Diane).

1. Apologies – Phil Spencer, David McDermott, Daniel Orme & Helen Monk.

2. Minutes of the last meeting on 13th November 2017

These were passed as correct and duly signed.

3. Questions for members of the public – There were none.

4. Matters arising from the minutes -

a) Nothing to report re the solar light for the garage. We shall wait to see if the window light is sufficient. DMc has enquired of the PC about progress on this. .

b) Outstanding jobs for the current year were dealt with by CT as agenda items later in the meeting.

c) Inspection of trees – CT will meet Martin Spratling on Friday at 8.30 am. The PC have agreed to pay for work on the trees in the play area on the grounds of the safety inspection. MS will provide a quote to reduce the hedge on Towles Field.

d) The defibrillator has been removed. CT asked if anyone on the committee would like to investigate an alternative supplier. PP reported that she was having a meeting with Andy Robinson about the school providing one. She will enquire further and report back to the committee

e) There is nothing to report about the work to be done on the changing room benches but JW still intends to do it - January?

f) Seagrave Cross Country event. The event committee agreed that if the playing field was very wet they would re-route the run along the road in Towles Fields. They have booked the pavilion Friday evening 9th and Saturday 10th November until 2pm. They plan to use it as a refreshment and toilet stop and will do the preparation on the Friday evening. Emmanuel FC will have to inform the league that the field is not available that day. CT asked for volunteers to be on hand on the Saturday as she is not available. The PFA will receive a fee of £80.

g) New sign for the adult fitness equipment has been ordered. A post will be put in to show the height restriction of 1.4 meters for users.

h) Barrow Cricket Club contract – CT arranged a meeting with JS for Tuesday, 23rd January 2018 at 10.00 am in the pavilion. It will be a renewable annual contract with similar terms to those of the Football Clubs.

I) The situation regarding the water meter is still not resolved.

j) CT will go to the PC meeting on 6th February to discuss the PC/PFA agreement at 7.00pm

5. Treasurers Report – there was no report in the absence of the treasurer.

6. Report from the clubs -

Football – BB reported that there had been no matches since 6th December because of water logged pitch.

Tennis Court maintenance – Phil Simmons will deal with weed killing and cutting back the hedge and clearing the leaves along Pepper's hedge.

7. PC report – was not available because of absence of DMc.

8. The field

a) There was a lengthy discussion led by Phil Simmons about the dangers of a hard path round the field and the ball ricocheting into the play area, or players falling on the surface. Should the plan go ahead the path is unlikely to be tarmac and most likely, a form of grass mat or compacted limestone over base. The committee will discuss this further and gather the views of residents before submitting any grant applications.

b) CT met with John Upton and a field contractor. The contractor does not recommend vertidrainage unless it could be done frequently. There was some talk of a process called earthquaking being more effective, but only when the ground is dry. The advice was that this year we should weed kill again and fertilize the field. CT will review the costs of doing both in the light of money being kept in reserve for

swings and changing room benches.

c) Moss under the table tennis tables needs to be removed again. Once it has been cleared lawn sand may help keep it at bay. A meeting was arranged for 26th March between 10 and 12 to attack the moss. Please come along and help, many hands make light work.

d) Further to PH enlisting Trevor Eggleston’s help and speaking to Chris Ward about using the compost at the allotments CT spoke to Chris to find out if any allotment holders could help us manually empty the bins, as Trevors’s bucket is too big, but will be fine to carry compost to the allotments.

9. Fund raising event – 1st July 2018

There will be an update at a meeting on Tuesday, 20th February at 7.30 pm in The Greyhound. Everyone welcome. CT will make an application for sponsorship to East Midlands Airport for support.

10. Children’s Play Area

a) Safety & maintenance – PeH reported that the swings seem OK as far as safety is concerned, despite not conforming to standards. It is the wet pour beneath them that is in urgent need of replacement. The adult activity equipment needs painting with Hammerite. A path is needed round the multi play – could be safety mesh.

b) About £7000 is needed to replace the swings as they are now (2 flat seats & 2 cradle) . If we provide – 2 flat, 2 cradle, 1 adult/child. This could cost around £11,000 with safety surface. The proposal that we should consult with Wicksteed before placing the order was carried with one abstention.

12. Any other business

Dan Orme's father died before Christmas and he would like to put in a commemorative bench near the football pitch. After some discussion this request was approved provided the conditions were followed. CT will contact Dan with the information. The committee expressed their sympathy

Dates of next meetings: Monday, 26th March

Monday, 14th May – AGM

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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Minutes approved by the Trustees on

Signed

Catherine Thomson Chair of Trustees

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Items pertaining to the minutes, subsequent to the meeting.

1. Meeting with Martin Spratling, We agreed what was to be done with hedge. Await quote. To save money, some of the tree work this year can be done by volunteers ie. removal suckers and ivy. We would call Martin for any emergency work.
2. Emptying of compost bins, CT enquiring about mini digger and operator to empty them.
3. Application for fete sponsorship was sent to EMA. Copy accompanying minutes
4. Swings. CT, RS and PP met with Jodie Midlane from Wicksteed. Much discussion about best way to get most play potential out of a new swing frame. After double checking the space available, it was finally decided that an interesting unit might comprise of a three bay swing, the bay closest to path to have a basket swing (takes several children or disabled) In the middle bay one flat seat and one cradle. In the third bay would be the memory seat (suitable for adult and child) Jodie is going to recalculate the quotes putting this as one of the alternatives and including a safety matting surface over turf rather than wet pour. CT awaiting this quote and will forward to committee when she receives it.
5. PP met with Andy Robinson, head teacher. They have raised £600 towards a defibrillator and would welcome a contribution from PFA. It would be positioned outside the school gates, which would be convenient for school, public and playing field. CT awaiting feedback from the committee.