

BURTON-ON-THE-WOLDS PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday, 12th November 2018 at 7.30 pm in the pavilion

Present: Cath Thomson, Helen Monk, Robert Shields, Brian Bunn, John Shipman, Peter Harrison & Rachael Saunders.

1. Apologies – received from Pamela Parkin, Pam Harrison, Phil Spencer, Carol Allenby & Daniel Orme.

2. There were no public present to ask questions.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on 11th September 2018 -

These were passed as correct.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

a) Barrow Road hedge has been cut. Towles Field hedge has been finished by the contractors. The volunteer day on 20th October was very successful.

b) Swings project is completed. Awaiting to hear when installation of matting around the multi-play will take place. RSh will follow this up with Wicksteed.

c) There had been a request for summary of how money was raised for swings. HM provided this showing donations from individuals and organisations totalling £3,638 and event fund raisers £1,183. It was acknowledged that financial support from the Parish Council, East Midlands Airport and the sports clubs enabled the fete to cover its fixed costs. The remaining £7,146 of £11,967 was accumulated over several years. No grants were found suitable for this project due to it being a replacement of existing equipment.

d) The fete committee met recently and set the date for the next village fete as Sat 28th June 2020. Next year is too busy for both Steph and Cath so there will not be a fete in 2019, however that does not stop someone else organising another fundraising event.

e) It was requested that Football clubs should pay their final rent instalment of the season before the end of the financial year.

5. Finance

a) HM produced the accounts to date pointing out that the swings have not yet been paid for.

b) In view of costs continuing to rise HM recommended that next year's rent for each of the football clubs should be £455 and the Tennis Club £270. A review of the letting fees for the pavilion and pitch will be dealt with at the next meeting

c) A couple of weeks ago HM and CT met to set the budget for next year and establish the amount they will request from the PC towards maintenance. From their report came the discussion that to increase income we should push for more pavilion lettings. So the 19/20 budget includes cost of full pavilion clean once a year, in addition to the regular clean done by PeH. In discussion about improvements PeH suggested we could save money if water heater was connected to main boiler. He also pointed out that a lot of internal repairs are necessary in the changing room side, such as rotten skirting boards and crumbling plaster. As this is something the PC might do, RSh will meet with PeH to look at this before the next PC meeting.

d) The budget request was tweaked to reduce total. For year 2019 /20 the PFA will ask the PC for £3,830

6. Club Reports

a) Cricket Club JS – there is still no official confirmation of the future of the club using the field. After their AGM at the end of the month the PFA chair has requested the Cricket Club give formal notice of their departure; all keys to be returned and any Burton Cricket Club records – score books, minutes, photos etc. to be given to the village for the archive record. Barrow Cricket Club will organise the disposal of the sight screen but probably not until after Christmas. Barrow CC would like to use the disposal of the roller to reduce their short fall. It is thought the roller belonged to Burton CC not the PC and the trustees were in favour of Barrow arranging for its removal if it is no longer useful to the PFA.

b) Football Club BB– Burton FC are in the 16 team Division 1 of Leicester & Charnwood Sunday Football League. They have 38 registered players –. CT has not updated the website yet and asked BB for fixture lists etc. BB suggested that the chair consults Emmanuel about their plans for next season. Football Clubs would be in favour of a marked out five a side pitch using the junior goals. This could be something volunteers from the Carpenter’s Arms will do.

c) Tennis Club – there was no representative present to give a report.

7. Playground maintenance

a) PeH reported that there were no safety issues.

b) In next 6 months the slide mound needs attention, the equipment needs painting. To be done in the spring. Post caps are needed for a couple of the maze posts maze.

c) Jason Wardle quoted for fence repairs £120.16. This was accepted by the meeting.

d) It was decided to do nothing at this time about opening the gate into the play area near the road.

e) RoSh will negotiate with Jenny Boker for a £500 grant towards playground games on the concrete slab and complete the necessary paperwork.

8. Pavilion, garage, outside assets

a) The bench near agility equipment needs moving. Jason Wardle’s quote to do this ££111.50 was agreed by the meeting

b) Tennis Club will fund a replacement bench near the tennis courts – the PFA will pay for the installation. Jason Wardle has agreed to do this work at a cost of £81.58. The meeting approved this work and costs

c) BB reported that many of the hooks attaching the goal nets to the goals were broken. HM & PeH will help with purchase of new arrow hooks from Harrods sports equipment.

d) It was agreed that Martin Spratling will remove alder tree near swings in December. Cost will be £380. He will also take the damaged branches in the black poplar and reduce the crown – cost £280.

e) PS removed lower branches from trees in Barrow Road hedge – these were moved to the car park and will be chipped. Plantation want the chippings by volunteer day in December. Cost of chipper likely to be £100. This was approved by the meeting.

f) It was decided that PFA would not fence off the cricket square, unless they know it will be used next summer

g) Blackthorn needs to be moved from Barrow Rd Corner by the Harrison’s house. This should be the next marginal area to focus on.

h) Should the fire extinguisher and fire blanket be repositioned away from the kitchen area?

9. Budget for 2019/20

This had been discussed under Finance item 5.

10. Any other business

There was none.

11. Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings - **Tuesday** 15th January 2019 & Monday 11th March 2019

Annual general meeting – Monday 13th May 2019

Minutes approved by the Trustees on

Signed

Catherine Thomson: Chair of Trustees