

BURTON-ON-THE-WOLDS PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Tuesday, 15th January 2019 at 7.30 in the pavilion

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

1. **Apologies** – received from Diane Simmons & Pamela Parkin.

2. **Questions & comments from the public** – there were no members of the public present.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** on 12th November 2018

There were no amendments and the minutes were approved. Proposed by HM. Seconded by RoSh

4. **Matters arising from previous meeting on 12th November 2018**

a) Wicksteed invoice is now paid. Grateful to RoSh's help following this up.

b) Tree work is now completed and paid as invoiced

c) JasonW's has done the fence repair, has invoiced for that part of the job and has been paid. CT awaiting to hear from Tennis Club when they are obtaining the new bench.

d) HM reported that instead of net hooks for football goals Velcro tapes might be an easier alternative. HM will purchase what is required and give to BB for the clubs to try.

5. **Finance update**

Swings have been paid for. Football and Cricket Clubs have paid their fees. £3,174 in the bank. Awaiting EMA payment. Phil Kirk has not cashed his cheque for hedge cutting. CT to follow up.

6. **Public letting fees for pavilion and field for 2019.**

It was decided to defer this until the next meeting after there's been time for further research.

7. **Representatives's reports**

a) Football Clubs – BB reported on mixed results. He will provide a fixture list. Daniel Orme was not present.

b) The tennis club sent the following report.

“The tennis club will be buying a bench for the playing field to be sited near the tennis court, the installation to be paid for by the Playing fields funds. We have chosen a bench made from recycled plastic that should require little if any maintenance, it is a wooden effect finish.

2019

We plan to have an open social event alongside the AGM this year to encourage new people to come along. We aim to build on last year's successful coaching for both adults and children. We have been in touch with GSM and they are keen to continue. We hope to continue club night on Thursdays.

Burton school made good use of the courts for several sessions a week during the summer building a keen group of young players whom we hope will feed into the coaching sessions.

We remain a very small committee of 4 and hope to encourage new members to take on some of the workload. We have done our best to maintain the courts to the best of our ability”.

c) John S was thanked for his contribution to the committee. He explained that everything had been removed from the pavilion now and the roller sold. The sight screens will be moved shortly and will be going to Nanpantan. Once they have been moved and he does not need to access the pavilion for the bollard keys he will return the second set of keys. He confirmed as correct, the information CT had circulated about the SPA Cricket Club, that she had received from their secretary

d) RoSh reported that the Parish Council had approved the maintenance grant request.

8. **SPA Cricket Club's application**

SPA CC would like to rent the pitch for cricket. This was discussed and there were reservations about the

club's distance from Burton and if it would be viable for them to maintain the pitch. RoSh proposed that "The cricket pitch should not be used for 2019 and the situation reviewed in the Autumn". 6 voted in favour, none against. CT will write and explain the decision to SPA CC.

9. Playing field and playground maintenance

a) PeH said there were no safety issues at present, though erosion of slide mound still needs attention and adult fitness equipment needs painting.

b) It was decided not to do any additional work on the field this year and see how it fares without cricket over the summer. Review the situation in the autumn with a view to doing what is necessary in spring 2020.

10. Pavilion, garage, outside assets.

a) Fire certificate should be displayed in the pavilion. CT to ask clerk for copy.

b) Use of garage – it was suggested that the Plantation and football stuff should be rearranged. If the right hand side is used for all the Plantation stuff including the barrows, then the PFA stuff and that of the Tennis Club can go along the back and the Football Clubs stuff to the front left. BB agreed Football need to have a sort out of their stuff soon. CT will talk to the Plantation committee.

c) Pavilion improvements – RoSh & PeH recommended that some skirting boards needed replacing on changing room side. Jason W will be contacted about work on the benches. The water heater in the kitchen is too small – could we use the main boiler? RoSh will come up with suggestions for replacement of the floor. Instead of moving the door a screen could be positioned outside to shield the door from the worst of the weather. CT or RoSh will ask Jason about this

11. Grant applications, volunteers & fund raising 2019

a) Meeting agreed to support the Plantation if they hold a Bluebell Day.

b) Santanter – CT to contact for a project: 'Prepare for Summer' – could include clean, prepare and paint the adult equipment, clean and paint playground fence and equipment and clear under the table tennis area, trim back perimeter hedges.

d) Carpenters Arms' group did a good job on John's bench. They will do the same with the one by the memorial stone.

e) Charnwood Member grant – CT signed the authorisation letter from Jenny Boker. The £500 has been allocated to the playground / fitness markings project on the concrete slab.

f) Fete 2020 – anything in the interim? No ideas were forthcoming.

12. Any Other Business

a) The detail on the contact list was checked and an updated version will be attached with the minutes.

b) CT is going to attend some training on Charitable Trusts run by L & R ALC on Monday 21st January.

c) An article to promote the PFA – ahead of AGM is needed for the March Link. CT will write something. Need another trustee, ideally one or two younger people (they do have to be over 18 to be a trustee)

Dates of next meetings – Committee meeting on 11th March 2019

AGM on 13th May 2019 Both meetings will be held in the pavilion at 7.30pm

Minutes approved by the Trustees on

Signed

Catherine Thomson: Chair of Trustees