

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM

Present

Chairman- Cllr M Bamford	Mrs J Scott – Clerk	Cllr B Feltwell	Cllr M Munday
Cllr K Spicer	Cllr P Cross,	Cllr J Wheals	Cllr N Moxey
Cllr D Schumacher	Also present	C Hawes – Tree Warden	T Hamstead – Footpath Warden

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Schumacher and Tree Warden – Managed to join the meeting half way through.
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2020** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – Page 1 item 4 – Ex Gratia payment to resident who installed lights!!! Someone was going to talk to the resident. - Rest covered by agenda items
4. **Volunteer Group – Fireworks** - T Hamstead confirmed that there would be no firework display this year due to Corona virus but he was proposing to let off some rockets (spend about £500) - might want to move it towards centre of the field but will contact Maritime FC. It is hoped to do this on 5 November but if the weather is inclement it could be either 6 or 7 November. It will be advertised on the Bentley Community Facebook page. The Clerk to inform Insurers.

Action: Clerk to inform Insurers

5. **Football Pitch – Update** - Successful commencement of the season for Maritime FC – things seem to be going well. The latest e-mail from Maritime was discussed regarding an extension of activities – offering some training to 8-9 year olds with a view to starting a second team to run alongside the existing one (U8 and U9's can play as one) to provide an opportunity for local children and also a pathway into football for the pupils at the school – this will not be a mass expansion – nothing additional is required from the Parish Council – it will be a small group of 8-9 year olds training with a few friendly games – there would be no additional use of the field and would be within the agreement (Thursday pm and Saturday am). It was agreed to reply to Maritime saying the Parish Council welcomed an extension of activities particularly for local children to be involved within the parameters of the agreement. Tree Warden said people were originally parking on the right hand side against the hedge he asked if Maritime could be reminded to ask people to park on the left hand side of the field rather than the right. Cllr Munday to liaise with Maritime re Facebook page.

Action: Reply to Maritime FC

6. **To discuss Parish Field Enhancement** - A working party of four people were going to meet to survey the field and come up with a plan before October (Cllrs Bamford & Spicer, Tree Warden and Footpath Warden) but due to Covid19 this had not happened. The Play Area is for children up to 12 - it was suggested that a basketball hoop and an outdoor table tennis table be installed on the field for older children – a Cornilleau table tennis table is £600 including VAT and delivery and a basketball post £670 plus VAT = £804. After some discussion mainly on the flooding issue, it was proposed that the Tree Warden and Chairman meet on the field to see if this might be feasible and at the next PC meeting make a recommendation as to how we survey the residents on what their priorities would be.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

7. **Container Update** - T Hamstead stated that he had placed an order on 21 August (2 week lead time) for some green – same colour as Maritime's – anti climb paint etc £209.95. Once it arrived the container will be painted.
8. **Any Other Business** - None
9. **Date and Time of Next Remote Meeting** – 1 October 2020 – 6.30 pm before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.03 pm.

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