

# BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY REMOTE MEETING ON THURSDAY 1 APRIL 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  
Cllr D Schumacher

Also present - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden, 3 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr C Perry

2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4 March 2021** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey      Seconded Cllr M Bamford      All in favour      CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – No matters arising – all covered by Agenda items.

It was proposed that item 7 on the agenda be moved to item 4.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford      Seconded Cllr D Schumacher      All in favour      CU

7. **To discuss Maritime Proposals** - Cllr Munday told the meeting the proposals were that the main pitch that Maritime use is extended by 10 yards) in length to accommodate use of the pitch by an Under 13 team (it is currently 80 yards and will increase to 90 yards – no change in width). The 9 x 9 pitch for Under 11 team will be marked out inside the main pitch. The proposal is that the Bentley Parish Council Goals be moved in 2022 to the practice pitch for use by Bentley residents – moving the goals should eradicate any issues about goal availability – Maritime goals will be taken down between matches. The parents present were asked for some feedback. Maritime will still look after that pitch cutting and tining etc and there is a possibility that we could move the goals sooner than 2022 – maybe get it done this summer. Maritime is putting a smaller pitch on the School Playing Field with permission and welcomed by the School for Under 7's. It was proposed that the goals be moved asap and as Maritime will be looking after the pitch there would be no need to renew the Vertas Contract.

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

4. **Drainage of Parish Field on pitch & other areas including Access** – Miles Drainage had submitted a quote £19,567.02 with an optional budget cost of £4,130 plus VAT to remove materials from site and haul to approved landfill site. This was the only quote we were able to get and the Viridor application required 3 quotes – it was also not viable as access would have been through the landowner's field. Maritime had received a quote from Terrain Aeration Services for a Terralift treatment (deep aeration treatment, injecting dried seaweed and backfilling the probe holes with aggregate) their quote was for pitches only U/13U14 = £4,375 x 2 pitches £8,700, U15/15 = £5,235 x 2 £10,250, U17/18 = £6,980 x 2 £13,500. This will be investigated. Drainage of the field is therefore on hold. It was also agreed to leave field access at the moment.

5. **To renew Grass Cutting Contract – Vertas** - See above. As Maritime will be cutting the pitches there will no need to renew this contract. Clerk to advise Vertas

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

**Action:** Clerk to contact Vertas

6. **Funding, Quotes, siting etc re Equipment on Field – Update** - Footpath Warden told the meeting that the Stage 2 of the Viridor application had now been completed – Viridor came back with two queries and are going with the cheaper quote – Action Play and Leisure. It is hoped that we will hear the first week in May if it is successful. Which will mean that the PC will pay £750 – the S106 money was not included so could get an extra piece of equipment. If we don't get the grant we would have to re-visit re the equipment.

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8. **Any Other Business -** Cllr Bamford said more clear signs need to be erected asking people to please respect the field and goals – something more durable. Quotes and will be obtained for signs. Tree Warden – wanted a no cycling notice on the playing field this will be discussed at the next meeting – Agenda items – Signs & Cycling on the field

Action: Agenda items – Signs & Cycling on the field

9. **Date and Time of Next Remote Meeting –** 3 June 2021 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.32 pm.