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Recreation Ground Working Group Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

held on 24th July 2023 at 18:30, in the Club Room, Village Centre.

Present: Cllrs Bridget Culley, Phil Jeffrey, Cllr Oliver Madge (Chair), Cllr Dave Peart, Cllr Gwen Randall.

In attendance:

Members of the Parish: 0

Meeting start: 18:30

- **1.** Introduction led by the chair: General Welcome.
- 2. No members of the public present.
- **3.** Apologies for absence: None
- 4. Declarations of interest: None
- 5 Minutes of last meeting held on to be recirculated.
- 5.1 Any Updates to Action List:

None at this time.

6. Bench Replacement

6.1 Summary of Discussion:

Rec bench:

PJ kindly agreed to remove exiting bench. Some elements of concrete may be left behind, these should be incorporated into the new bench platform.

Lake footpath bench:

Bench along footpath side of lake is beyond repair and needs to be removed

ACTION: OM.

New bench to be ordered, similar to that of bench recently installed and placed on paving slabs, set into new platform.Need to research contractors who may also supply and install new bench.

7. Parking

7.1 Summary of discussion:

Parking to the side of the Rec is continuing to be problematic. This is not just users of the shop/café, this is also bowls, cricket, users of the rec and the hall.

At peak times the MUGA / tennis court have been opened, users have been asked to park along the rec side, but this is hard to enforce. Notification for when parking is open in this space, is provided on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Ongoing plans to redevelop this whole space are in motion – consideration for all users is asked for as plans develop.

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The existing parking area could also be utilized more effectively if drivers parked more considerately. Lines on the ground have been agreed by the PC and need to be actioned.

Further parking issues were also raised.

Denham terrace has many cars parked along and this causes difficulty for cars to pass. More cars per house are more than likely, however parking is now spreading further along the road.

There are passing places in the driveway for Stud Farm and Cricket Hse. Driver consideration is required (and the highway code) and residents can monitor this ongoing.

Parking around the school has been raised previously as difficult at drop-off and pick-up times of the day and with Denham Terrace parking issues may impact ongoing.

The Parish Council cannot be responsible or influential to parking issues on highways. Any issues should be reported to either the Police in an emergency or Hampshire Highways for parking issues.

PC to create a generic document pointing enquiries for the links to report to Hampshire Highways. Pass to Highways Working Party to action.

ACTION: OM – aesthetic parking lines to be installed on existing parking area.

8 General Usage – Terms & Conditions

8.1 Summary of Discussion:

Create a generic Terms & Conditions document so that all those who request to use the rec have consistent information. Content to include Insurance; Rubbish; cant restrict complete access, but event access possible; etc

A proposed charge for the use of the rec – by business use. No rate discussed – usage to be monitored ongoing.

The use of a booking / event diary on the website may help with identifying when the space will be busy and when businesses use the space.

8.2 Usage -

Vitacress Tu. 5th Sept 23. No charge to be made considering the support they give to the parish. Email Vitacress to confirm that own insurance will be required and rubbish will have to be removed.

BourneFest – A request has been made to utilize the rec for a parish community event and fundraiser. 7/8/9 June '24. More information to be provided closer to the event.

ACTION: No objections to either request.

9 Covered Area

9.1 Summary of discussion:

As discussed at Parish meetings, no outcomes were achieved for the short-term usage.

Long-term, as part of the redevelopment this area will more than likely be removed. Plans in progress.

One suggestion was to request litter picking occur more frequently in this space.



As part of the redevelopment, the raised beds can also be removed.

10 Cricket Agreement/Costings for 2024

10.1 Summary of discussion:

Current funding from BDBC covers wicket maintenance. However with the general rising costs and grass cutting contract review due in 2024, there maybe a shortfall ongoing.

At present the costs are covered with the grant, PC reserves

It was proposed that the income received from Ninnys may be reallocated to cover any additional costs – to be reviewed,

Maintenance and hire agreement for nets to be set-up with the cricket club.

It should be noted that the pavilion should be classified as a multi-use facility (and not just a cricket pavilion).

ACTION: Monitor ongoing

11 Terms of Reference Review

11.1 Summary of discussion:

Reword Committees as 'Working group'

Remove Arms from the list of users.

ACTION: OM – reword Terms of Reference.

12 Any other Business

11.1 Summary of discussion:

Tree work along west side of rec due to be implemented shortly.

All ahreed that remaining trees should be crown-lifted when deemed appropriate for the health of the tree. Prices to be obtained.

Speed limit on road leading to rec – need to report to Hampshire Highways and request a slower speed zone. Possibly put more signs, but they can be ignored and difficult to enforce. To discuss with Highways.

Contour Fencing to be contacted re post outside hall. ACTION: OM

To report any issues or concerns email: rec@stmarybourne.org

Date of next meeting: To be Confirmed

Meeting end: 19:15

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