



BRADNINCH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

The Guildhall
Bradninch
Exeter, Devon

Minutes of the Bradninch Town Council Recreation and Amenities Committee Property Inspection (1) Meeting, Thursday 1st August 2024, 6.45pm, starting at the Recreation Ground, Bradninch.

Present: Cllr L Taylor (Chairman), Cllr S Birley, Cllr S Crawford (until 8pm), Cllr S Glendinning, Cllr L Mottram (until 8pm), Cllr I Wild (from 7.40pm).

In attendance: Mrs A Marshall, Clerk. No members of the public.

R/24/01 Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr E Ottery (childcare), Cllr M Taylor (work).

R/24/02 Declarations of Interest relating to items on this agenda: None.

R/24/03 Inspection of the Recreation Ground, RoSPA annual play equipment inspection report, the access road and the lighting:

- a) **Hydrangea shrubs** – it was agreed to put the current placing of these shrubs on the next agenda.
- b) **Dead tree** – it was confirmed that the Tree Warden would source and plant a new tree.
- c) **Basket swing (and other) safety flooring** – it had been previously arranged for Yates Playgrounds to make good the worn matting under the swing at the same time as installing the new roundabout. As the new roundabout had been delayed, due to the old roundabout currently working well, it was RESOLVED to obtain a quote for this matting, together with other worn matting, from Green Scheme.
- d) **Wooden shelter** – the need for some wood filling, removal of old nails and treating of the wood was evident. RESOLVED to add this to the new Caretakers list of jobs.
- e) Table and benches near the wooden shelter - two panels from the table had been broken off and it was RESOLVED to add these repairs to the new Caretakers list of jobs.
- f) **Zip Wire** – it was agreed that the wire needs tightening and that the timber needs treating. It was RESOLVED to obtain a quote from Green Scheme.
- g) **Painting of the goal posts and slide** – the work had been completed satisfactorily and it was RESOLVED to pay the invoice.
- h) **Wooden A Frame** – it was agreed that some wood needed making good and that some toe posts needed replacing. RESOLVED to obtain a quote from Green Scheme.
- i) **New solar lights** – Cllr Birley was in receipt of the new lights and it was RESOLVED to add the installation of them to the new Caretakers list.
- j) **Access road** – RESOLVED to add the re-painting of the speed bump nearest to the Cricket Club to the Caretakers list.
- k) **Various signs** – RESOLVED to ask the current Caretaker to clean the signs attached to the Recreation Ground boundary fence.
- l) **Tree trimming** – A) RESOLVED to obtain a quote for the trimming back of the tree by the tennis club to ensure the street light was fully exposed. B) it was RESOLVED to ask the tennis club to trim back the bay tree which was encroaching onto the access road.
- m) **Boundary fence** – RESOLVED to add the cleaning of the plastic fence to the front of the Recreation Ground to the new Caretakers list.
- n) **Broken twisting seat equipment** – RESOLVED to ask Green Scheme to quote for the repairs.
- o) **Tractor Springy** – RESOLVED to ask Green Scheme to quote for the repairs.
- p) **Cigarette butt bins for bus stops** - RESOLVED to revisit once the new Caretaker was in place.

R/24/04 7.15pm Inspection of the Tennis Club

The Committee was pleased to hear that the club is running smoothly with about 80 members currently, slightly down on the 100 members of twelve months ago.

A new court net was on order.

It was agreed that the club should arrange to remove the old wooden bench it had put in place some years ago due to its current unsafe state.

R/24/05 7.30pm Inspection of the Bowling Club

Various minor works had taken place to the building over the past twelve months which appeared to be in good order.

There are currently 38 members involved with the club, this being a consistent number. Quizzes and skittles would take place in the winter months when members were unable to use the bowling green.

A new mower, costing £2,000, had recently been purchased and repairs to the spiker were pending.

An issue with cricket balls encroaching onto persons playing bowls was ongoing. A meeting between the two clubs, with the aim of sorting the matter out, was pending.

R/24/06 7.45pm Inspection of the Cricket Club

It was reported that the club continues to do well and that the merge with Kentisbeare Cricket Club has now been completed. The financial situation was in a better state now than previously.

Completion of the changes to the Lease were still pending and should be resolved shortly.

Involvement from volunteers, parents, a group of good coaches, managers, administrators and a good grounds person meant that the club was going from strength to strength. A first 'sponsors evening' would be held on 10th August to thank those helping out.

Skittles would be played in the winter and a team from The Crossways Tavern would make a total of 4 teams this year. A darts team is also in place.

The annual Fireworks display would be held on site in November, as usual, and plans for the September Town Fair were ongoing, along with plans for the Twelfth Night event.

The club was urged to discuss the matter of cricket balls encroaching onto the bowling green, for safety reasons, and it was confirmed that the club were waiting for a joint meeting to be arranged by the Bowling Club to enable this matter to be resolved.

R/24/07 8.10 pm Inspection of the Football Field

The Committee were pleased to hear that the club continues to do well with a men's and women's team plus 7 youth teams in the league this year. The under 13's team won their league this year!

Involvement in the annual town Firework display and Bradninch Rocks, the main club fund raiser, continues.

There has been a new Treasurer and a new Welfare Officer put in place this year.

Club house repairs have taken place by way of internal painting and the replacement of wooden slats on the outside decking. Also, the wood on the main building has been treated.

Improvements to the drive way and pitch are difficult due to lack of funding. Grants have been applied for and won, but due to the 'matching' of funds required to release the monies, and the lack of funds with which to put forward, the grants have not been claimed or paid out. The increases in hire fees for training venues has dented the finances substantially. The club has tried hard to keep membership fees as low as possible.

The search for willing volunteers to help at the club continues, anyone interested should contact a club member.

R/24/08 Charwell Wetlands (the future of) – the agreed public meeting remained pending.

R/24/09 Councillor/Clerk comments (no decision making): None.

R/24/30 Date of the next meeting: Inspection of West End Hall and other Council assets – pending. Further Rec & Amenities Committee meeting date – pending.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm