

Minutes of Meeting
Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council
Recreation Field Committee
7.30pm Thursday 12th October 2023
Sports Pavilion, Bentham Moor Rd, Burton in Lonsdale

Present: Messrs. Mike Illsley, Councillors: Ian Wardle, Billie Hornyold-Strickland,

In attendance: Councillor David Taylor

The Clerk was in attendance

127/2022 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ian Parker (Chair) and Cllr Alan Coulthurst. Cllr Strickland acted as Chair in the absence of Ian Parker.

128/2022 **Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests**

a) To note declarations of interest not already declared under member's code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interest or a matter in which the member has another interest.

b) to approve dispensation request if dispensation request is received

No interests were declared.

129/2022 **Public Statements and Questions**

A member of the public had emailed to ask if it could be considered for the MUGA to have basketball nets installed and for the BMX track at the far end of the field to be surfaced with tarmac - the MUGA has posts where basketball or netball nets could be installed. Cllr Wardle suggested this should be done as part of a general refurbishment of the MUGA if the Council decides to go ahead. Cllr Strickland proposed that a price be sought for suitable nets and backing boards. Mike Illsley agreed to do so.

The Community workforce has done some work on the BMX track recently but it is not of a high standard. A price to be sought for tarmacking.

130/2022 **Minutes (to note only)**

Recreation Field Committee Meeting 25th May 2023

The Minutes had previously been approved and were noted

131/2022 **Reports**

- Bookings and Payments were reviewed. Total income from bookings for the year to date is £2210, with £2008 coming from Pavilion bookings and £202 from Recreation Field bookings.
- Strategies for increasing use of the facilities were discussed. Development of the website pages with a timetable of bookings and enhanced details and photos of the facilities available was proposed. Cllr Taylor is working on options. Photos of past events to be sought.
- Attempts to attract summer sport activities and pilates/yoga groups have not as yet been successful.
- Advertising in the Burtonian and Bentham News to be priced for approval.

132/2022 Review of use of field

Various strategies were discussed to increase use of the field.

- A sports day to be organised in the Spring with a range of activities for all ages. Representatives from possible sporting groups to be invited to attend.
- Football coaches and coaches for other sports to be sought

133/2022 Maintenance & Projects timetables / approvals in principle / funding

1. To discuss the suggestion that the Parish Council delegate an annual amount to the Recreation Committee for maintenance activities. This would enable a more agile response to maintenance activities at the pavilion and Recreation assets - There is a budget figure in place for maintenance of the Pavilion and the Recreation Field. Urgent repair amounts up to £250 can if necessary be approved by the Clerk. All other costs must be approved by the Parish Council.

The issue of aging equipment and the cost of replacement and repair was discussed. Mike Illsley agreed to provide an estimate of the sums involved.

2. To review all maintenance items required to be carried out (on a 6 monthly and annual basis) around the Rec Field / Play Park/ MUGA etc.

- **Report** on recent play equipment inspection - Mike Illsley reported that he is working on issues highlighted in the recent play equipment report. None of the issues are urgent. He may need to seek professional help with replacing bearings on various equipment. If necessary he will seek a quote.
- **Rec Field & Car Park**
One of the picnic tables was in poor condition and has been removed. The other one is in recycled plastic and cost approximately £500. **Resolved** to seek a decision from the Parish Council
- **Pavilion**
 - Storage Area : two of the three changing rooms are full of equipment and as such are really not useable - The owner of electrical cabling etc to be asked to remove it. Any rubbish to be removed. The football club to be asked to remove anything stored in the changing room.
 - Update re render to the external walls to the pavilion - more areas of the render are delaminating – the Clerk has sort quotes from local builders and awaits a response. Repairs are not urgently required for the render or the settlement of the concrete on the verandah. Both will need keeping an eye on.

3. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) – to discuss:-

- MUGA Surface condition. To discuss future strategy. – possible options are
 - continuing with hand brushing which is very time consuming or purchase of a mechanical brush at a cost of £1000 approx
 - using air compressors to remove the old sand from the surface and replace with new sand at a cost of £7000 approx, which could extend use of the pitch for a few years
 - replace the surface at a cost of £35,000 approx
- Load testing to the goalposts – currently within regulations
- Repair of the tennis net – Mike Illsley to seek costs

- Creating a group to vigorously search for grant aid to help fund a replacement for the MUGA playing surface – Ian Parker has advertised in the Burtonian for help with this and has had some interest
- Discussion with BCS about the best use of its existing funds – a meeting with BCS trustees to be sought

4. Maintenance of bench seats throughout the Village

Mike Illsley is not able to maintain all of the benches in the Village. He will continue to maintain the ones around the Recreation Field – the Community Workforce to be asked to assist.

Mike Illsley asked if Cllr Coulthurst is still able to assist him with monthly inspections. Cllr Coulthurst to be reminded.

134/2022 Date, time and venue next committee and Council meeting(s)

- 7.30pm, Thursday 19th October 2023: Full Council Meeting, Burton Village Hall
- 7.30pm, Thursday 16th November 2023: Full Council Meeting, Burton Village Hall
- Date of the next Recreation Committee Meeting: 8th February 2024, 7.30 at the Pavilion

The Meeting ended at 21:10

Signed

Dated