

**Minutes**  
**Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council**  
**Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**7.15pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**  
**Sports Pavilion, Recreation Field, Bentham Moor Rd,**  
**Burton in Lonsdale**

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**Present:** Cllrs. Thompson and Mason; Messrs. Parker (Chair) Illsley.

**In Attendance:** the Clerk

- 1 **Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**  
To record any Committee Member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to this Agenda.  
There were none.
- 2 **Minutes and Matters Arising** from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 meeting  
These Minutes were approved at the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 meeting and matters arising dealt with thereafter.
- 3 **Bookings and Payments**
  - a) **Bookings:** website, incl. Payments, and site update progress; Nov 2017 to Feb 2018 bookings; future bookings  
Mark Christie sent suggestions for increasing use of both pavilion and field which were discussed.  
It was agreed the facility is under-used; however it is recognised there are other facilities in the village. The social room is considered to be ideal for children's and other parties year-round, with the play area nearby and car parking on site. Sports use is more weather-dependent.  
Bookings up to end August include Football, Archery, Fun Run (7<sup>th</sup> July), Village Cricket Match 21<sup>st</sup> July, family party (August Bank Holiday).
  - b) **Facility Promotion:** raising 'visibility' re potential users  
Mark Christie has offered a 100 hour student placement to promote the facility's use; the committee thought it would be able to use the placement for 20 hours (say) to promote a specific event, in the first instance.  
**Resolved**  
To update the village website, and take a regular quarter page in the *Burtonian* for the next 12 months, varying the advertisement according to the season.  
To thank Mark Christie for his interest and suggestions and propose a 20 hour student placement to assist re event publicity.
- 4 **Maintenance**
  - a) **Pavilion:**
    - Provision of additional items, incl solar panels  
Solar panels and a battery for storing generated power are expected to be installed on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The battery control unit will be in the store room. It is planned to link the Burton Community Sports pitch lighting to the pavilion supply to take advantage of the solar-generated power stored in the battery, (estimated to be one hour's worth of lighting) and thereafter from the mains supply. Usage will be monitored. When the BCS supply is joined to the pavilion's supply, a security light for the rear of the building will also be installed. This will have the added benefit to the community of one set of standing charges for power supply, rather than two.

- Inspection and cleaning: report: all appears to be satisfactory.
  - Items for attention: immediate/short/long term, including items recently completed by M Illsley  
Mike Illsley reported the veranda benches have been cleaned and re-varnished; these will be secured on the veranda at a later date.  
Final coats of paint are due in the changing rooms and will be completed in the near future.
  - Supplies purchases: rolls of paper towel and plastic foam cups have been donated to the pavilion by the Village Shop.
- b) Play Area: visual inspection reports, actions; replacement & new items  
Cllr Thompson reported regular inspections and is monitoring deliberate damage to basket swing chain covers. New covers are £50 plus VAT each. As a result any new play equipment will have to be as vandal-proof as possible to minimise running costs to the community.  
Mike Illsley showed the various options proposed by three suppliers.
- Resolved**  
The equipment must provide as many different activities as possible (eg climbing, running, group play, etc) and would cater for the approx 4-10 years age group. It is noted the outdoor gym equipment would cater for the 10 years and above age group (see below). The final site will be decided once the supplier has been appointed. This project is part of the Village Projects funded by both Tau Solar and various organisations' donations.  
Detailed quotes to be obtained for consideration as soon as possible.  
Mike Illsley was thanked for his work putting the proposals together for the Recreation Committee's consideration.
- Resolved**  
Cllrs. Mason and Thompson to continue to monitor CCTV in order to establish who the culprits are committing acts of vandalism on the Rec Field.
- c) Grass Cutting: 2018 season.  
The full council has accepted the contractor's hourly rate increase to £18/hour and has asked him to continue cutting the village's grass, including the Recreation Field for the 2018 season. The Clerk has forwarded firm booking dates (see above) to him for reference re cutting schedules.
- d) Bike track, north east corner: progress report  
The drainage work appears to be working; there is very little water in the problem 'bowl'. A suggestion to improve the track will be taken up: extra hard core for the improvement will be made available shortly.
- e) Bowling Club: no report
- f) Stone wall boundary adj. to road: repairs  
Mike Illsley reported the wall adjacent to the all-weather pitch has been repaired.  
The Clerk reported further gaps on the east side of the main gate, which will be attended to.
- g) Field drainage: re-establishment of field drains & provision for outlets to nearby stream; annual clearance of stream  
A short discussion concluded not to investigate a full drainage scheme at present as the cost is not proportional to levels of use; the drain in the far

south east corner (inside the Woodland Trust area) was cleaned in Spring 2017; the stream will be examined later to ensure free flowing.

- h) All weather court: power supply box at entrance to court  
An on-going problem with vandalism has seen several power supply box covers damaged beyond repair (at approx. £150 plus VAT each). There are several solutions, none of which are vandal proof. No action at present.
- i) Future projects: outdoor gym  
As a part of the Village Projects scheme the outdoor gym equipment will be paid for by the Tau Solar and various organisations' grants. The twelve items, catering for ages 10 years and upward, have been ordered; the final site will be decided upon inspection, taking into account the existing and planned additions to play equipment.

**5 Finance**

- a) Financial report incl. bookings income  
The Clerk circulated an R & P account prior to the meeting; receipts are just about covering running costs.
- b) Electricity tariff: report  
The Clerk reported the tariff was due for review in November 2017; as the tariff has not changed, the Parish Council will remain with the supplier until November 2018 when another review will be done.

**6 Dates, times and venues 2018-19 Recreation Committee meetings**

Proposal: June and October 2018, and February 2019.

**Resolved**

To hold meetings in the proposed months, exact dates to be confirmed closer to the time.

8.30pm End of Meeting

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....