

Brinsworth Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PREMISES MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2019

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr J Williams

Vice-Chairman : Not Present

Councillors : Cllr R Bowler, Cllr A Buckley, Cllr D Dyson, Cllr Mrs P Gregory, Cllr Mrs M Hughes, Cllr S Ridge, Cllr Mrs M Rollinson, Cllr Mrs K Saxton

Officers : G Blank

747P Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Barry and Tompkins and the reasons given were approved.

748P Declaration of Members Interests

The Chairman asked Councillors to express any declarations of interest prior to the relevant item being discussed.

749P Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on:-

7th February 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2019 are a true and accurate record.

750P To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

744P - The Clerk confirmed that she had received the loan request letter from Brinsworth Community Trust and had drafted a response letter for Councillors' approval which she would circulate before sending.

751P Update on Bookings

a) To receive an update on regular and one-off bookings for the Pavilion

The Clerk informed Councillors that although there had been a few enquiries there were no new bookings to report.

An update on The Centre bookings is to be presented at the next meeting as the Centre Manager had been called away on a more pressing matter. The Clerk reported that although March had been a quiet month for weekend bookings April was fully booked.

752P Hire Charges

a) To consider and approve the Bowling Green fees for 2019

Councillors discussed the current usage of the Bowling Green and how they can encourage more people to use it.

The Clerk informed Councillors that most Parish Council's hand over the running of the Green to their local Clubs so it was difficult to compare costs etc. However the Clerk did have the prices from some other Bowling Clubs in the Rotherham area which ranged from £60 to £75 for a season ticket but there are no additional charges.

The Clerk has been told that one of last year's Brinsworth teams are moving to another green for its home games as their charges are cheaper.

Various charges were discussed, proposed and voted on.

RESOLVED: That the season ticket price will be set at £55 for the year and will include all games and if the full team are season ticket holders there will be no charge to the away team. Competitions and non season ticket prices will remain the same as 2018/19 (£3.00, £2.50 and £1.50).

b) To consider and approve the Football Pitch Hire fees for 2019/2020 season

As the Clerk is looking into grant funding for a changing room upgrade Councillors decided to delay the decision until more information is known.

753P Brinsworth Playing Fields

a) To review and approve the play area opening hours (following residents complaints)

Cllr Hughes and Buckley thought that the closing of the play area over the Christmas period was a relatively new thing but the Clerk confirmed that this had been in practice for a number of years.

The Clerk informed Councillors that from Monday to Friday the play area gates are closed at dusk and in the summer months shortly before the Attendants finish work at 9.00pm. During the weekends the Attendants close the gates just before finishing at 5.00pm throughout the year.

Consideration was given on how this practice could be improved going forward. Most Councillors agreed that asking the Attendants to come back later to lock up was not acceptable. However, the Clerk thought that there was scope to look at the issue as she has a vacant Attendant's post and there was the possibility of using the Centre's caretaker.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk look into the options available and present a proposal for Councillors consideration.

b) To consider and approve the installation of a floodlight for the play area

This is to be considered when a decision is made on the opening times of the play area.

c) To consider and approve the alterations to the MUGA (following residents complaints).

The Clerk updated Councillors on a complaint she had received from a resident living close to the MUGA in respect of the noise that is made from the ball being constantly kicked against the fencing.

Following the complaint the Clerk has sat on a nearby bench to listen and agrees that the noise would be annoying.

The resident has requested that the fencing at the goal ends of the MUGA be removed as a compromise.

Following the complaint the Clerk has asked AXO Leisure who repair the skate park if they could look at a solution and they have suggested replacing the fencing at a cost

of £4,800. Using conveyor belt material would not be a safe option in their opinion as it is easily set on fire.

Councillors discussed the issue at length and although they did not want to remove the fencing they did agree that an alternative solution should be looked at as long as the cost was not too high.

The Clerk informed Councillors that some of the welding work that had been completed several months ago had already been broken due to the constant usage of the MUGA.

The Clerk reported that the issue had been brought up on Facebook and had received quite a frosty response, the majority of residents wanting the MUGA to stay as it is and some asking for it to be resurfaced and the sides making higher.

Cllr Williams suggested that he and a few other Councillors take a look at other MUGA's in the area. The Clerk said that she would speak to RMBC and other Parish Councils to see if she could find any other solutions.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council look into a solution further and discuss at a future Parish Council meeting.

d) To consider and approve the removal of the Palisade fencing between the Bowling Green and the Flagpole

The Clerk asked if she could arrange for the palisade fencing to be taken down to open up the Bowling Green so it can be seen from The Centre.

The Clerk also informed Councillors that she had received another quote for the steps between the Bowling Green and The Centre and which could potential be paid for from the path improvement reserve or premises improvement reserve. The Clerk will include this on the next Finance agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Palisade fencing can be removed.

e) To consider and approve the Pitch Improvement Programme Inspection of £150

Whilst talking to the FA with regards to the changing room improvement grant the Clerk was asked if she would like the football pitches to be inspected to look at the quality of the pitches and drainage issues. The fee is £150 and the report could lead to pitch improvement grants.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for the Pitch Improvement Inspection at a cost of £150.

754P Pavilion Maintenance

- To approve the construction of a disabled ramp to the front access of the Pavilion

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider installing a ramp access to the front of the Pavilion as the current step was quite steep for some residents. The Amenity Attendants are able to complete the work so the cost will just be for materials.

RESOLVED: That an access ramp to the front of the Pavilion can be constructed.

755P Resource Centre

- To discuss the Rules and Regulations required to accompany the Lease

The Clerk informed Councillors that she now had a copy of the old Hall Association agreement and would look through it to see if there was anything that could be added to the draft document she has already prepared. The Clerk will then circulate it to Councillors for their approval.

756P Brinsworth Library

a) To receive an update

The Clerk had spoken to the Library Manager for an update who was in the process of writing a business case for the RMBC Director of Finance's approval. It is anticipated that approval to start the works will come in the next 4-6 weeks.

b) To discuss and approve the proposed tree planting scheme suggested by RMBC

The Clerk reported that she had met with RMBC's tree inspector and taken him around the playing fields pointing out where CCTV access is needed, which areas are used for sledging, football etc and which areas are prone to flooding. Following the site meeting a tree planting scheme has been designed which will hopefully give the field more features. The work will be completed by a tree supplier and costs will be met from RMBC, the Parish Council will just need to keep the trees watered.

RESOLVED: That the tree planting scheme is approved.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20:05