

## Brinsworth Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PREMISES MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020

Those present :

**Chairman : Cllr A Buckley**

**Vice-Chairman : Not Present**

**Councillors : Cllr Mrs M Hughes, Cllr S Ridge, Cllr Mrs M Rollinson, Cllr Mrs K Saxton, Cllr P Soper, Cllr Mrs J Tompkins**

**Officers : Mrs G Blank, Mrs J Huddleston**

#### **851P Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gregory and Williams and the reasons given were approved.

#### **852P Declaration of Members Interests**

- To receive disclosures by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant interests under the members Code of Conduct.

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

#### **823P Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on:-**

12th March 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2020 are approved as a true and accurate record.

#### **854P To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**

There were no ongoing issues to discuss.

#### **855P Update on Bookings**

As the Pavilion remains closed due to Covid19 there was no update on bookings.

At present only one group are asking to return but due to Government limitations they are currently unable to.

#### **856P Brinsworth Playing Fields**

a. To discuss the reopening of the play area

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Deputy Clerk had completed a thorough risk assessment on reopening the play area based on the current Government guidelines, the risk assessment had been shared with Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Clerk informed Councillors that RMBC have taken the decision to delay the reopening of their play areas as have some other Parish Councils in the area.

Councillors discussed the risk assessment and the advice given and felt that currently the Parish Council are not in a position to safely reopen the play area.

RESOLVED: That the play area on Brinsworth Playing fields remains closed until further guidance is received from RMBC.

b. To consider and approve the application for CLF funding towards a Nest Swing for the top of Brinsworth Playing Fields

The Clerk informed Councillors that Ward Councillors were once again looking for community projects to fund. Following the success of the nest swing in the play area the Clerk asked Councillors to consider putting another bid forward to purchase a nest swing for the top of Brinsworth Playing fields. This would replace an existing swing set that is becoming more difficult to get replacement parts for.

This swing will need new play matting so would cost more than the first swing but the Clerk suggested this could be match funded by the Parish Council who have funds available in this years budget. The Councillors discussed the idea.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk is given authority to apply for funding to install a nest swing at the top of Brinsworth Playing Fields.

c. To consider and approve the applications for use by football teams for 2020/2021 season

The Clerk informed Councillors that she had received requests from four teams wanting pitches on a Sunday morning and one team wanting a pitch on a Saturday.

RESOLVED: That the requests received to use the Parish football pitches are approved.

d. To consider and approve the football pitch charges for 2020/2021 season

The Clerk informed Councillors that the majority of football matches last year were cancelled either due to the weather or Covid19. Two out of the four teams from last season had fully paid the fee without being able to play and the other two teams owed money for games that they had played. Due to the circumstances Councillors agreed that any over payments could be used against the new year cost. Outstanding debts have to be paid before any games are played as well as a £100.00 up front payment.

RESOLVED: That the fee for using the Parish Council football matches is set at £500.00 for the season. Teams who were in credit from the previous season can use this to offset the new year cost and those teams who owe money from the previous season must pay in full with a further £100 payment before they use the pitches.

e. To discuss and approve the use of changing rooms for the 2020/2021 season and the fee for usage

The Clerk informed Councillors that due to Covid19 the Parish Council would not be able to offer changing rooms. The Clerk also asked Councillors to consider the future use of the changing room area and it was agreed this would be discussed at a future meeting. Currently only two teams use the facilities which normally brings in revenue of £300.00 per year. The changing rooms are left in a disgraceful state for Parish Council staff to clean.

RESOLVED: That changing room facilities are not available for the 2020/2021 season due to the current Covid19 restrictions.

**857P St George's Drive Common Land**

- To receive and consider a request to buy the Common Land on St George's Drive

The Clerk informed Councillors that she had received a request from someone who wanted to purchase the common land on St George's Drive.

Cllrs Buckley and Hughes gave Councillors a brief history on the land and that requests had been received in the past to develop on the land. The Clerk had contacted YLCA for advice who had advised her that in order to sell the land permission would need to be granted by the Secretary of State at a fee of £4,900.00 and then the proposal would then need to go out to public consultation. If both these steps are successfully completed the land would need valuing and putting on the open market, the highest bid would have to be accepted. Councillors discussed the request.

**RESOLVED:** That the Common Land on St George's Drive is not to be sold and remains a public space in perpetuity.

**MEETING CLOSED: 21:00**