

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM

Present

Chairman- M Munday Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr B Feltwell Cllr P Cross
Cllr N Moxey Cllr K Spicer Cllr J Wheals

Also present - Tree Warden, & Footpath Warden, Speedwatch Co-ordinator

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr C Perry (Hol)
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2022** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr K Spicer Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** To discuss some form of fencing round the gym equipment – should have been an agenda item Rest covered by agenda items
4. **Progress of the access via the School Entrance – Update** – Not heard anything from Maritime re progress – its not yet finished – E-mail to Maritime re progress on the entrance and 10% contribution re Terrain Aeration invoice.

Action: E-mail Maritime re progress on entrance & contribution

Cllr M Bamford & Cllr Schumacher arrived at the meeting.

5. **Tudor Event** - Cllr Moxey told the meeting the event was coming together nicely. She is starting to spend money but is hoping to cover with gate takings. There is an unknown cost for power and water but hopes that spending will be around £650 maximum. Tudor Re-enactment get a donation – last year we raised money for medical treatment for a cancer patient who has since died – so proposing a donation this year to their preferred charity. Cllr Moxey said she had come across an axe throwing and archery set-up both with their own PLI – if we should decide to do it again next year. The Chairman thanked Cllr Moxey for her hard work.
6. **Free Football in Bentley** - This is aimed at 5–11-year-olds, sponsored by McDonalds and is a good opportunity to get people interested. It is the UK's largest FREE grassroots football programme with the intention of ensuring every child in the country can access free football. It is limited to 20 children and they don't need the whole pitch. Autumn Sessions – 25 September, 2, 9. 16 October 09.00 – 10.00. Councillors e-mailed their support (See July minutes Page 1127 item 21).
7. **To discuss access to Playing Field via Case Lane** – – It was reported that cars were parked at the end of the lane whilst the resident's drive was totally free -this was concerning – if there was a fire on the field heavy equipment would not get through. There had been issues with refuse and recycling trucks (Maritime's commercial bin doesn't get collected) who need to access Case Lane on Wednesdays and brown bin truck on alternate Tuesdays. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents at 4 Case Cottages asking them to make sure there is access to the Playing Field at all times as the field is now being used more.

Action: letter to residents

8. **Gym Equipment on Field – Update** - The equipment is now installed and being used so it was felt it was a bit late to have an opening ceremony. Item will be put in the Bugle. There is still work to be done on the surface – bramble clearing and re-seeding. - conditions are too dry at the moment. Purchase of an additional notice was discussed as recommended by the Play Inspector. It was proposed that the wording be agreed etc and to get it done asap Cost of the sign will be ratified at Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Inspection next year will include the Playing Field, Play Area and gym equipment. Councillors were happy with the wording of the Media Release to be put out by Babergh regarding the installation of the equipment.

. Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr P Cross All in favour CU

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9. **Electricity Supply to Playing Field** - Nothing to report - Take off the agenda
8. **Any Other Business - Tree Warden** – Dog mess on the field – Clerk to contact Babergh for notices re dog fouling. People are putting dog mess in the litter bin emptied by Maritime – it is a health hazard. **Fireworks** – November 5 at 6pm.

Action: Contact BDC re Dog Fouling notices

9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 3 November 2022 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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