## BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM Present

Chairman- Cllr M Bamford Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr J Wheals Cllr P Cross

Cllr K Spicer

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

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm – In the absence of the Chairman & Vice Chairman through illness, Cllr Bamford chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

- 1. <u>To Record Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr M Munday, Cllr B Feltwell, Cllr N Moxey and Cllr C Perry
- 2. <u>To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2022</u> The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

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

- 3. <u>Matters arising from the minutes</u>. No matters arising all covered by Agenda items.
- **4.** Progress of the access via the School Entrance Update The Clerk had been contacted by Suffolk County Council to see if any objections had been received the Clerk contacted Councillors No objections had been received and SCC have been informed.
- 5. To discuss access to Playing Field via Case Lane An e-mail had been received from Maritime their commercial bin doesn't get collected each week because the truck cannot access the end of the lane due to parked cars this item was on the agenda of the April meeting but deferred because Cllr Perry was not at the meeting (Cllr Perry had received a complaint regarding the access of the lane & the blocking of other peoples' access). Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to find out what day the bin lorries need access to Case Lane then write to the residents of 4 Case Cottages asking them to make sure the bin lorries have access to the field on that day.

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

**Action:** Clerk to contact Babergh to find out what day bin lorries need to access the field - send letter to residents

**6. Gym Equipment on Field – Update -** The Clerk read out an e-mail from the Chairman re the missing piece of equipment she is happy to go with the majority – either accept their replacement at no extra cost to us and have the installation done quickly or wait for the original piece of equipment to be delivered. Tim Hamstead explained that the Skier/Twister (£850) originally ordered was for two people – The Surfer is one piece of equipment for one person and is more expensive. If we wait for the Skier/Twister it could take up to 10 weeks. After some discussion it was proposed that we accept Action Play & Leisure's offer and go for the Surfer which is in stock. Action Play & Leisure have been told they will get a decision tomorrow.

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

Cllr Munday also asked if her thanks could be passed on to Tim Hamstead on behalf of the Parish Council for all the work that he has done on this project. Tim has spent a considerable amount of time liaising with the Parent Working Party on choices and getting quotes from vendors of equipment. He applied for the Virador grant and although not successful due to lack of funds, the information was used in our successful application to Babergh for CIL and S106 payments. He with Jan Burton, Bob Munday and Ray Bloomfield have cleared the area ready for the installation of the equipment and Tim has overseen the installation process. Thanks also go to the Parent Working Party, Alison Partridge, Gail Nye and Andrew Chatfield for their help with the survey of the 11–16-year-olds in the village to arrive at a choice of equipment. We hope all enjoy using it. Also bearing in mind the time, work & effort it has taken to get this in place, I think it would be good to have an opening ceremony.

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- 7. To discuss the possibility of electric power on the Playing Field Nothing to report Take off the agenda
- **8.** Any Other Business Cllr Munday Clearing the brambles round the gym equipment will always be a problem unless some form of fencing is put up. Agenda item for discussion at the next Playing Field Society meeting. C Hawes told the meeting he had spoken to Jon Haines about children jumping on the big Buddleia and breaking the branches. Cllr Bamford Defer opening ceremony until the Surfer has been installed. It can be put on Facebook etc with photographs.

Action: Agenda item – To discuss some form of fence round the gym equipment

**9.** <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> Thursday 1 September 2022 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.