

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM

Present

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

Also present - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm Cllr Munday welcomed everyone to the meeting. A risk assessment had been carried out for 9 Councillors and up to 24-28 members of the public with seating 1 metre apart.

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr B Feltwell
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 June 2021** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

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

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** Cllr Bamford told the meeting that the signs re use of the field are now in situ. Rest covered by Agenda items

4. **Drainage of Parish Field on pitch & Field Access – Update -** The deep aeration treatment of the field by Terrain Aeration Services Limited is due start on 11 October for four days at a cost of £8K plus VAT with a contribution from Maritime of 10%. Most of the cost will be met from CIL funding. Parish Council will fund the balance. Notice needs to go in Bentley Bugle and on Facebook telling residents that the field will be out of action. Check with Maritime re help with backfilling holes with aggregate. Field Access: It was proposed that a letter be sent to resident asking for the access to be kept available for users – other than the football Club

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

Action: Letter to be sent to resident

5. **Equipment on Field – Update -** Cllr Munday attended a meeting at Babergh CIL Department including Public Realm who tried to persuade us not to buy equipment but to go the Parkour Route. It was agreed this would not be appropriate for the demographics of our field. Action Play & Leisure had been approached for a quote to install a surface (similar to East Bergholt's recently installed play equipment area). We can't put in an application until October but an e-mail reminder of the meeting will be sent before the application is submitted. Tree Warden showed meeting article in EADT re grants obtained for equipment on Playi.ng Fields

Action: Letter to be sent to resident

6. **To discuss the use of the Field -** Requests had been received from groups outside the Village to use the facilities on the field so it was felt that this needed to be discussed with Trustees so there is a clear policy as to who we let out the facilities to. It was agreed parking is an issue – it is a village field for village people - - field could be available for specific functions – trying to avoid two football clubs on the field – we must consider residents around the Playing field. After a lot of discussion, it was proposed that a working party Cllrs Munday, Spicer and Moxey – would draft out a policy for agreement by Trustees.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr N Moxey All in favour CU

7. **To discuss Litter Problem on Field –** It was agreed that it was good that families are now using the field as long as they clear up their rubbish. Following receipt of an e-mail from Babergh on 21 July re Welcome Back Funding – we applied for two litter bins under this scheme– one for the playing field and one for the play area – sitting to be discussed – Babergh have extended the deadline for submitting forms until the end of this month. They are hoping to order in bulk and so as soon as this order has been placed and they have more clarity on delivery times, we will be contacted again. Maritime have kindly agreed to empty the bin. It was proposed that a notice be sent to Bentley Bugle and Facebook asking people to take their rubbish home.

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Seconded Cllr M Bamford

All in favour

CU

8. **Any Other Business -** Tree Warden told the meeting the undergrowth has been cleared around the Buddleias on the north side of the container and has removed mor dead wood from beneath the large Buddleias on the south side of the container. Ray Bloomfield will cut the playing field wildflower borders later in September and the asked for a team to be put together to hep rake up the cuttings. Remains for food were discovered throughout the Field following the Tudor Event which attracted dogs – including his.

Cllr Moxey reported that everyone was complementary about the Tudor Event and she is going ahead with formalising a date for next year – first weekend in September 2022.

9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday 4 November 2021 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.31 pm.