

BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021 BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - AT 7.00 PM

Present

Chairman- Cllr M Bamford Mrs J Scott – Clerk Cllr N Moxey Cllr K Spicer
Cllr D Schumacher Cllr J Wheals
Also present - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm Cllr Bamford 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 M Munday, Cllr B Feltwell, Cllr C Perry and Cllr P Cross,
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 April 2021** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr K Spicer All in favour CU

3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – No matters arising – all covered by Agenda items.

It was proposed that item 7 on the agenda be moved to item 4.

Proposed Cllr M Bamford Seconded Cllr D Schumacher All in favour CU

4. **Drainage of Parish Field on pitch & Field Access** – Cllr Bamford said the pitch that Maritime had used the Vertidrain drained much quicker than the rest of the field. The Terralift treatment is being investigated and seems to be the best option. Field access was not discussed.

5. **Equipment on Field – Update** - Tim Hamstead reported that we did not get the Viridor grant - Action Play and Leisure quote was for £9½K which included VAT – Also included in the quote was a notice board which could now be taken out. After some discussion it was agreed to make this an agenda item with more Councillors present with a proposal for funding 4 pieces of moveable equipment by the Parish Council and Playing Field Society funds.

Action: Agenda item – Funding of Play Equipment by PC & Playing Field Society

6. **Signs & Cycling on the Field** - Cycling on the Playing Field was discussed and agreed that signage should say “no cycling on the field” however Cllr Wheals was not happy with this. and it was proposed that the signs should be amended to read “No cycling on the Football Pitches” as Maritime are maintaining the football pitches. Cllr Bamford is to look into signage.

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

7. **To discuss Maritime Proposals** – Maritime’s revised proposals had been circulated confirming their aim to be part of the Bentley Community for the long term and the desire to be involved in the improvement and development of the Playing Field. The extension of the lease to end of 2027/28 – this extension ensures the current U11 team know they can stay at Bentley for the remainder of their youth football and provides security for Maritime who would like to invest funds and grants into the Playing Field and generally give the club stability. The review of the £500 per annum fee agreed to use the field. A lot more investment has been required than first anticipated so Maritime wished to negotiate a more nominal charge and suggested £250 per annum. Following a short discussion, it was proposed that Maritime’s suggestions be accepted with a review prior to 2028 Season. Extension of lease to 2028 and fees to be set at £250 per annum. The agreement to be reviewed at year 6½.

Proposed Cllr N Moxey Seconded Cllr J Wheals All in favour CU

8. **Any Other Business** - Tree Warden told the meeting they would be taking out dead wood from the two large Buddleias. Tim Hamstead hoped to have a firework display on 30 October 2021.

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9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting –** 2 September 2021 before Parish Council Meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.29 pm.