

# BENTLEY PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELD SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 AT 7.00 PM - BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Present

Chairman - Cllr B Feltwell      Mrs J Scott – Clerk      Cllr M Bamford      Cllr K Spicer  
Cllr D Jones      Cllr A Thomas      Cllr J Wheals

Also present - Tree Warden, Footpath Warden,

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

1. **To Record Apologies for Absence** – Cllr M Munday, Speedwatch Co-Ordinator
2. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 November 2023** - The minutes were approved as a true record and duly signed.

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

3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** Playing Field Licence has been received from Maritime re School Field – Jon Haines has also agreed to cutting the grass on the Play and gym areas. – The Case has been given permission to use the School Field for parking on 12 March for a wake – map has been sent telling them where to park (not hedge next to The Oaks) and the code to the padlock has been given. Following resignation of one of our Councillors is there any indication that The Company of Merrie Folk want to hold a fair this year. The Clerk said that because of the poor turnout in the last two years the Company had decided not to hold a fair at Bentley in 2024 – however permission has been given for the School Fete to be held on the Playing Field on the 22 June 2024. Rest covered by agenda items.
4. **To discuss Managing the School Playing Field – Rules/Regulations -** Councillors asked if the School Field would come under the Playing Field Society – the Clerk explained why the Village Playing Field is run by Trustees – The PC was offered the Village Field for a sum of £5K – the PC did not have enough funds to buy it so a Charitable Trust was formed to raise the funds. Once the money was raised the Charity Commission handed back the running of the field to the Parish Council. The School Playing Field has been transferred to and is now owned by the Parish Council and is under the control of the PC 100% but under a covenant can only be used as a Playing Field and ancillary use – ie car park facilities – Football – (Maritime licences have been transferred to PC) and School use. The School is to give us dates for a year in advance. So it is up to the Parish Council to run it. We need to clarify how we control the School Field - this will be done by The Playing Field Society – so a set of Rules/Regulations need to be drawn up – Cllrs Feltwell and Spicer agreed to compile Rules and Regulations for consideration at a future meeting. Tree Warden – No dogs are allowed on the School Field – it is on the County Council notice board - which must be changed as some point to PC notice board.

**Action:** Cllrs Feltwell & Spicer - Rules & Regulations

5. **CCTV re vandalism on Field -Deterrent Notice – Update** – Cllr Bamford told the meeting he had purchased two CCTV notices and put them on both gates
6. **Any Other Business** – Cllr Spicer had asked about a Village Diary a couple of years ago – she said it had been suggested that now the PC are running the School Playing Field the County Council notice board could be changed to a Village N/B so that different groups could put up their events. The Clerk was asked to contact the School to ask if we could have a key and if we could use it to publish Village events.

**Action:** Clerk to contact CEVC Primary School re Notice Board

7. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 4 July 2024 7.0 pm before Parish Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.