

MINUTES OF BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION COMMITTEES

Meeting September 11th 2023 @ the pavilion 5:15pm

1. PRESENT: Cllr Taubenheim, Cllr Higgs, Cllr Palmer, Cllr Craven, Cllr Westmacott, A Tuckwell (Bowls Club)
2. WELCOME - Cllr Craven welcomed everybody and stood in for Cllr Rushton, who has Covid.
3. APOLOGIES - Cllr Rushton
4. MINUTES agreed.
5. MATTERS ARISING
 - a) Following complaints about parking on Tanners Lane when the rec is used by multiple groups, the FC have kindly arranged to park on Burford School site at weekends and on Mondays and Thursdays – As there are only 3 Football teams now playing this should not be an issue.
 - b) The new playground project is awaiting news of funding applications to National Lottery and to WODC for s106 funds – Will find this out mid-October and Cllr Rushton will inform committee.
 - c) At the last meeting it was agreed that the Pavilion should be inspected regarding comments over its condition. A visual inspection took place during this meeting and summary included as part of section 6.
6. CLLR TAUBENHEIM PAVILLION REPORT: None available.

An inspection of the pavilion was undertaken. It was estimated that the Pavilion was built in the 1960's. The toilet doors were found open by A Tuckwell on Sunday, and they smelt. The toilets were cleaned on Monday. **Action to find out who cleans the toilets.**

Pavilion outside south side is looking very damaged: the underside of roof towards right as face Pavilion needs inspecting as discoloured and bulging like water damage, several of the wooden boards are loose and warped, exposing building. The sun damage has weathered this side. **Action – needs a quote to repair/replace to make good and painted to protect. The other three sides are ok and have been painted.**

Inside the pavilion, there are several wet patches/puddles of water on the floor. These appear to be coming from ceiling and there are water marks on ceiling. There is a general musty, damp smell. **Action – need to have an assessment of damage and repair to make roof leak-proof, replace damaged ceiling tiles.** The small fridge in kitchen was frozen up so was left to defrost over the sink. The changing rooms were locked so we could not gain access to inspect. **Action – to ask John Mchoughlin to either open up for inspection.**

The only use currently for pavilion is for the football team matches.

6. CLLR RUSHTON REC REPORT:

The multi-play unit has been removed from the playground as it failed its RoSPA inspection – A big thanks to Cllr J Rushton for getting the multi-play equipment removed so quickly.

A pre-planning enquiry has been submitted for the new playground and a fundraising race-night will take place on October 7th at Burford Bowls Club.

Lengthsman has started cutting back around the perimeter of the rec, following which we will again assess for rabbit damage.

Recreation ground Inspection summary:

A big thank you to D Buckland for the excellent strimming around the edge of the recreation ground. Walking around the perimeter there we no signs or evidence of any rabbits or no rabbit holes.

URGENT ACTION – to contact and report to the electric company that the trees on Tanners lane east are growing into the cables.

During the inspection, suggested to remove the cherry tree in the play park. **Action - need to check if we need permission to remove the Cherry Tree if we decide to do so then if we are able to remove to request a price to remove the cherry tree.**

The line marking on the football pitch nearest to the Scout hut, has been marked too close to the edge and the drains. **Action – the football club need to be informed that they will either have to move the pitch further away or they will need to allow the grass cutting vehicles to drive on pitch and other vehicles accessing the recreation ground. The bin emptying vehicles also need to cross the area.**

Gate near Scout Hut has been straightened by Cllr Taubenheim.

The metal casing around one tree was jutting out and Cllr Taubenheim will cut and neaten to make safe.

The topsoil used to fill in the rabbit holes had been moved by someone to corner of field just before the Scout Hut. **Action – for D Buckland to put back the topsoil into appropriate place.**

7. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

FOOTBALL – Nothing further as discussed at BTC Meeting

SCOUTS – No items

BOWLS CLUB – No items to raise and for information, bowls finishes weekend 16th & 17th September. No rabbits in Bowls club.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT – It was raised that the Cherry tree in playground area has a low canopy and intrudes on the playground area. This can be removed as a fruit tree and would open up the playground area. There will still be 2 trees remaining to provide sufficient shelter.

ALLOTMENTS – No items raised.

PRE-SCHOOL – No longer able to make use of the outdoor area.

CADETS – Could offer the outdoor area next to fire pit to the Cadets if they want to make use of.

LENGTHSMAN – Thank you for excellent strimming.

8. AOB – Covered above.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TBC