

MINUTES OF BURFORD TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION COMMITTEES

Meeting Tuesday 16th April 2024, The Pavilion, Burford Recreation Ground 5:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Jo Rushton, Cllr Peter Higgs, Cllr Jane Westmacott, Cllr Michael Taubenheim, John McLaughlin (Clanfield 85 FC), Danny (Clanfield 85 FC)

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES : Cllr Sarah Palmer, Cllr Jennie Craven
3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - a. The pavilion will have a structural survey which is being organised by Cllr Taubenheim.
 - b. SSE have now emailed following their inspection, and have proposed, with our agreement, to cut the trees nearest the lines to growth points, between 300mm and 1m to gain the approved clearance for the LV cable. **Cllr Rushton** to reply to SSE to give consent.
 - c. In the last meeting it was noted that the topsoil for filling rabbit holes been moved. There is about 1/3 of a bag on the North East corner of the Bowls club hedge. FC said this is plenty and it is in the right place.
 - d. Parking was discussed at the last meeting, following complaints about parking on Tanners Lane when the rec is used by multiple groups. The FC had kindly arranged to park on Burford School site at weekends and on Mondays and Thursdays. FC confirmed this arrangement is still in place. Overflow parking was also discussed; where needed the rec gate must be opened and overflow parking is on the western edge of the rec, parallel to Tanners Lane.

5. CLLR TAUBENHEIM PAVILLION REPORT:

Cllrs inspected the pavilion which smelled mouldy. The changing rooms are in relatively good condition. Structural survey will be organised asap to ascertain best way to proceed.

6. CLLR RUSHTON REC REPORT:

The playground and path are complete. There are outstanding issues as follows; the playtable top and the green bunny-hop spring are both waiting to be replaced (this has been agreed and the items are on order), stickers for the calisthenics equipment will also be replaced (possibly superglue them in position). We are waiting to hear back regarding the holes on the panels of the smaller multi-play. **Cllr Rushton** to monitor and chase if necessary.

David is doing weekly checks on the new playground. We are also investigating servicing options.

Stones on the rec, at the rear of houses on Tanner's Lane, keep being replaced, which is a trip hazard and could cause damage to mowers.

There are several maintenance tasks which are being worked through – The wall and step on Tanner's Lane entrance have been repaired. Ivy and dead wood along Tanner's Lane wall to be cut back. Car park has potholes which need filling, and the fence between the scout/pre-school garden and the car park will be repaired.

The septic tank had a small overflow, despite having been emptied only 5 months ago; it is possible the excessive rain may have caused problems. Scout club arranged for emptying and the area is being sanitised. **Cllr Higgs** to ensure Lengthsman has full instructions for sanitising the area. We will need to monitor this as it is usually only emptied once every 18 months or so.

The bonfire area has had several buckets of metal removed from it and will be fenced off permanently, with the fence being removed only when the bonfire is built. **Cllr Palmer** is investigating fencing costs. This year's bonfire will be untreated wood only, therefore no pallets, no furniture etc. This will comply with the Clean Air Act.

Problems with the shelter – letter, graffiti, and late-night noise caused by a group meeting there several times a week. The shelter was inspected, the graffiti is not too bad and it was agreed that, as the shelter is for the teenagers, we should leave the graffiti as it defines the shelter as their space.

7. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

A WALK AROUND THE PERIMETER HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING:

The verges are looking good and we will maintain program of allowing to grow, then cutting back a couple of times a year.

Wire around a tree on the north side of the rec will be removed by **Cllr Taubenheim**.

A can has been provided by **Cllr Taubenheim** to collect cigarette butts in the shelter.

The garden area which was previously used by pre-school is very overgrown. John suggested it could be used as a carpark extension.

FOOTBALL – Cllrs were introduced to Danny who manages one of the teams based on the rec.

SCOUTS – No cubs at the moment, only scouts. There is a new treasurer. Mention was made of the outside tap which has occasionally been left on and is used by children who leave the water running. Scouts have been made aware that the tap needs to be turned off from the inside.

BOWLS CLUB – The new outdoor season has started.

ALLOTMENTS – nothing to report.

PRE-SCHOOL – no response to email

CADETS – no response to email

LENGTHSMAN – Nothing reported. We are grateful to him for taking on the inspections of the new playground.

RABBITS – The perimeter was inspected and there was no evidence of rabbits along Tanners Lane edge which is a big improvement. We will continue our program of twice – yearly inspection and gassing with pest-control professional.

8. AOB: None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be arranged, likely late summer