

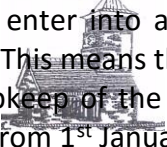
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL

Sports and Receptions Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21st Sept at Thrift Road and Bryant's Lane Sports Field

1. Present: Cllrs Ellis, Fitzpatrick, Gell, Green.
2. Apologies: Cllr Owers – holiday
3. Declaration of Interests: None
4. Income and expenditure: Clerk reported that income to date was £3,721 compared to a budget of £6,400. Clerk is to issue invoices this week for approximately £600. The court bookings are consistent; the pitch is let to F C Leighton Colts youth team as their home ground on Saturdays and Leighton Lions who will use the pitches on Sundays. Expenditure to date £8088 compared to a budget of £11,944. This expenditure includes £2120 for the floor repair works in the pavilion, as well as new nets and new parts for the trim trail. The facility is for the benefit of Villagers but used by others for tennis, it was agreed to charge an annual fee to regular users from outside the village. Cllr Gell to investigate costs of other courts for comparison.
5. Cllr Gell asked if regular inspections were being carried out at Thrift Road and Bryant's Lane. Cllrs Green and Ellis confirmed they are.
6. Dog Control Measures. Given recent reports of dog fouling at Thrift Road, Clerk is to request three 'Dogs on Leads' signs from CBC. The location of a fence was agreed to demarcate the 'Dogs on Leads' area and the dog friendly area. Clerk to obtain quotation for the fence. It was also agreed to erect two signs at Bryant's Lane Playing Fields.
7. The Meeting relocated to Bryant's Lane. Security measures following recent vandalism was discussed. The Clerk explained the difficulty in monitoring the regular users in erecting and dismantling the nets and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotations for a lockable steel storage box for the tennis court nets and only bona fide users will have access to this. CCTV was also discussed, the existing camera is hanging from a lamp post, this it to be removed and perhaps replacement dummy cameras to be installed.
8. The Committee made an inspection of the pavilion building and area. It was noted that the interior was being kept clean but there was a broken electrical socket and wall heater that needed attention. Clerk to ask electrician to attend. The disabled WC door handle is missing. The exterior is in need of attention, block paviours have sunk creating voids and also some re-cladding is necessary.

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9. The Boxing Club is no longer willing to enter into a 5 year agreement with the Parish Council but would like to continue using the facility. This means that the Parish Council continues to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building, therefore it was proposed to increase the monthly rental to £225 (from £200) from 1st January . Clerk to discuss with boxing club.
10. AOB The green notice board at Thrift Road needs cleaning/repainting. Clerk to action. Also the dog waste bin is rusting, Clerk to inform CBC.
Clerk to ask Mark Stasiuk/Tony Markland to trim around the courts at Bryant's Lane and under bench at Thrift Road.

Meeting closed at 12.15pm

Next Meeting scheduled for 6.00pm 7th December

Francesca Sheppard
Clerk to Heath & Reach Parish Council