



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

**Present:** Councillors S Hampson, J Allison, M Griffiths and R Oliver.

In Attendance: The Clerk.

**236 Election of Chairman of Committee**

- a) Cllr Hampson nominated Cllr Allison, Cllr Oliver seconded. All were in favour.
- b) Cllr Allison signed the acceptance of office

**237 Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Griffiths nominated Cllr Oliver. Cllr Hampson seconded. All were in favour.

**238 Public Question Time.** None

**239 Apologies for Absence:** None

- 240 a) Declaration of Interests:** None  
**b) Dispensation Requests:** None.

**241 Position of Pavilion.** The Architect had supplied two possible variations on the original position, both further into the recreation ground and swung so the pavilion looked out over the playing area better. Members discussed the options and agreed that the second position (B) was the better. Members discussed next steps, such as revised planning permission, quantity surveyor costs, etc.

**Members approved position B for the pavilion and requested that the clerk liaise with the architect regarding next steps and potential costs.**

**242 Position of Goal Post.** Two suggestions had been made. Members discussed the options, but felt the back right hand side of the ground was best. Clerk to check with the supplier about how and when the goalpost can be delivered, and request a proforma invoice for payment before delivery. Goalpost can possibly be stored at Trinity Church for a few days before installation. Members asked if the goalpost should be purchased from CiL money  
**Members approved the back right hand side for placement of the goalpost. Use of Cil Money for goal post to be on next full council agenda.**

**243 Trees.**

The tree report had not yet been completed.

**Members decided to defer this item to the next meeting.**

**244 Aspirations for the medium term**

Members discussed the possible wild play area. Concerns about safety inspections of items not installed correctly was raised. Clerk to take over negotiations regarding possible items for installation and costs. Members wished to see some natural wooden stepping stones, balance beams and possibly a tunnel. A bridge or something equivalent may be required to access the area during winter months due to the drainage in the area, and the ditch being full. Clerk to make enquiries from the Woodland trust and possibly Bedgebury for ideas and suppliers.

A preschool, play area or items was discussed. To see if a fenced preschool area could be fitted in before the exercise equipment area. If not, perhaps some preschool items in the gyro spiral area. Clerk to look for possible items and prices.

Multi Use Games Area, (MUGA) Clerk to get some initial process and possibilities for this.  
**Members requested the clerk to make relevant enquiries/request quotes and brochures ready for the next meeting.**

**245 Accessible Path.**

The placement of a possible path to the play equipment was discussed. Members agreed that behind the play equipment would be better, should there be enough space, to allow for further development of the play area into the Recreation Ground if needed. Clerk to start making enquiries for quotes to see what the costs might be.

*(At the post meeting inspection of the ground it was agreed there was just enough room behind the play equipment for a path, if one bench and the play equipment sign were moved).*

**Members requested the clerk to get some quotes for a path as far as the large piece of play equipment.**

**246 Order of Works**

Members discussed the importance of the planned works and the order they should be prioritised by the clerk.

- 1 Goal post, order and get installed. immediate
- 2 Wild play area ideas and costs high priority
- 3 Preschool play equipment ideas and costs high priority
- 4 Request quotes for paths medium priority
- 5 Pavilion next steps with architect medium priority
- 6 MUGA costs low priority.

**Members agreed the clerk should progress the items in the priority order.**

**247. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**

None

**248. Date of Scheduled next meetings**

To be called when quotes/ideas ready

***Members then went out and completed a visual inspection of the Recreation Ground and confirmed their placement decisions.***

**The meeting closed at 11.45am**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brede Parish Council**