

**EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 18 February 2014  
AT 7.30 PM IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

**Present:** -Chairman - Cllr P Bancroft , Cllrs P Clarke, D Atkins, T Strutt,

**Also present:** Mrs J Barlow (Clerk); EMF Temple (Deputy Clerk)

**1. To make Declarations of Interest in any matter on the agenda**

None

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hartfield

**3 To consider the minutes of the meeting of 24.07.13 and when approved to sign them as a correct record.**

Proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Strutt, all in favour.

**4. To receive reports on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Item 6.1 Purchase of additional play equipment at the playground

Cllr Bancroft reported that the work has been completed. The Play Area's maintenance issues have been referred to the Recreation & Amenities Committee, to be dealt with below.

Item 6.2 The swing at the playground has been replaced.

Item 7.1 Cllr Bancroft reported that one of the cradle swing straps has been replaced with a new one.

Item 7.2 Cllr Bancroft has spoken to Brian Crossland, raking has been done but not necessarily as often as may be actually needed.

**Action Cllr Bancroft to take this up with Brian Crossland.**

Item 8 Cllr Bancroft has submitted a request to Cllr Cutts for installation of more street lights in the Village.

Item 10(b) Overgrown tree in car park - a letter has been sent.

**5. To discuss matters relating to the Playground, in particular the sand areas.**

There may be insufficient room beneath the swing, Cllr Clarke suggested a measuring stick for consistency. To be part of the contractor's work about to be put out to tender.

Another delivery of sand has been delivered to Cllr Hunt's yard.

**Action Cllr Bancroft to liaise with-Cllr Hunt on where best to put it in the Playground and how much.**

Cllr Hartfield had said previously that the amount of maintenance required would be reduced, if the sand could be replaced with turf.

The Clerk reported that Peter Stark at Rushcliffe BC suggested wet pore or porous tarmac be considered. Rushcliffe BC has advised that planning permission would not be needed. Notts CC have raised matters for consideration .

**Resolved. To keep the position under review and to re-visit this in the Autumn.**

Proposed by Cllr Atkins, seconded by Cllr Strutt and all in favour.

**6. To discuss matters relating to the Butt Field Improvement Scheme to include the maintenance programme and kicking in goal.**

Cllr Atkins said that he had obtained 3 quotations for levelling and seeding 8000m<sup>2</sup>. The budget for the project, using the cheapest quotation plus ancillary works, was £36,720.

**Proposed: That the following resolution be recommended to the Parish Council at its next meeting:**

- i) **It is proposed that the Council resolves to improve the drainage, plough and level the grass surface, improve the access and provide Trim Trail equipment for adults in the Butt Close (aka Butt Field) Recreation Ground in East Bridgford, and will support the applications to Grant aiding bodies for financial support and will act as Third Party Funder and financial contributor up to a maximum of £23,000 and that it provide a letter to this effect, signed by the Chairman and one other Councillor**
- ii) **It is further proposed that the Council authorise 1) The Chairman and 2) ..... as signatories to the Application Forms and the letters of confirmation of financial support approved previously**

Proposed by Cllr Atkins, seconded by Cllr Clarke and all in favour.

**Action: Clerk to contact Luke Smith at NCC to obtain confirmation that the proposed drainage and levelling work has their approval.**

**Action: Clerk to advise Cllr Atkins of the date and term of the current lease and whether there is a renewal clause.**

**7. To discuss the proposed Cuttle Hill Improvement Project**

**7.1 Proposed: That the following resolution be recommended to the Parish Council at its next meeting**

**That the Parish Council engage Mrs A Waring of Catfoot Garden Design for development and submission of an outline design brief for this project before the April Parish Council Meeting, to be ready in greater detail for presentation to the Annual Parish meeting on 24 April 2014. This design brief is to show proposed access routes, proposed tree planting, and all types of materials required for the project with a proposed costs of construction estimate and her proposed fees estimate for the project.**

Proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Strutt and all in favour.

**Action Cllr Clarke to invite Mrs Waring to the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**7.2** Replacements for the Norway Maples have been ordered which are likely to be smaller than the trees they are replacing. These need to be planted by 5 March to enable the Parish Council to apply to recover the cost.

**Resolved That there be a tree planting ceremony on Thursday 27 February at about 4pm to which some children from the school will be invited, via the School authorities, to attend. If 27 February is not suitable, Cllr Strutt to arrange an alternative time.**

Proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Strutt and all in favour.

**Action** : Clerk to write to households on Cuttle Hill to give advance notice of the planting of new trees

**8 To consider and make recommendations on matters pertaining to:-**

a) Litter bins.  
to be kept under review

b) Car park. Water is being held back by the paved area at the entrance, and the holes need filling up.

**Resolved:-That Cllr Atkins continues to monitor the position and comes back to the Parish Council with his advice, otherwise for this Committee to re-consider this in the Autumn. The job specification for casual labour that is being put out to tender will not include raking and maintaining the car park, but is to be an extra (paid) task, if required.**

Proposed by Cllr Atkins, seconded by Cllr Strutt and all in favour.

c) Telephone kiosk. Cllr Clarke reported that James Briggs Ltd has kindly given the Council paint for the village phone box, free of charge.

**Action: Cllr Clarke to arrange for painting as and when needed.**

d) Seats round the Village. Cllr Turner has a maintenance programme for these.

**Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Turner to establish when the next maintenance work is required**

e) Flowers/flowerbeds  
to be kept under review.

**9 To consider matters for report**

None

**10 To arrange a date for the next meeting.**

To be arranged by Cllr Bancroft as and when suitable.

The meeting closed at 9.17 .

Chairman ..... Date .....