



THE PARKS

Community Association

MEETING MINUTES

The Parks Community Association Meeting

14th April 2016

7.15pm

TPCC

PRESENT: Amy Chapman (AC) TPCA SECRETARY
 Emma Walker (EW) TPCA TREASURER
 Martin Reilly (MR) TPCA CHAIR
 Craig Clabburn (CC) Community Member
 Lesley Doyle (LD) Community Devt Officer, BFC
 Paul Regan (PR) TPCA Committee Member
 Amy Howard (AH) TPCA Committee Member
 Chris Turrell (CT) Councillor
 Ed Soole (ES) TPRA
 Tony Roberts (TR) TPCA Community Member
 Alan Wilson (AW) Parks and Countryside, BFC

APOLOGIES: Graeme Smilie (GS) Committee Member
 Anna Regan (AR) Committee Member
 Becky Bird (BB) TPCA COMMS
 Ashley Merry (AM) Councillor
 Isobel Mattik (IM) Councillor

1.	Welcome and introductions Apologies were noted.	Action
2.	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions complete • Matters arising will come up in the minutes 	
3.	Update on Community Centre/Sports Pavilion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shutters: After some confusion about the shutters on the Main Hall doors – it was agreed that all 3 shutters must be opened for every booking for fire safety. 2. Flood lights: Floodlights have all been repaired. 3. Sports facilities A told the group that they are having an independent inspection. The grounds still haven't been handed over from TW and then this work needs to be done. It's likely they won't be useable until September. Bookings for these will ideally be hired by one group. 4. MUGA / tennis courts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. LD will chase her end. Last that was heard was that TW 	

	<p>was still delayed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookings for these will be a bit more complicated. A told the group that we may be able to log into the sports centres new electronic system to book the space. This may not be until the New Year – we (TPCA & BFC) would have to manage it in the meantime. • The costs for this and the sports facilities would be administrated by TPCA and paid back for maintenance to BFC. • Westmorland Park is used by the Tennis Club, they get a key and they internally manage the administration of the bookings for that. £49 a year for an adult (including LTA membership). An option is also to attract tennis coaches. • ACTION: MR will investigate smart locks/locks for the tennis courts and conversations about this will be ongoing in the coming months. <p>5. Defects Period/snagging list:</p> <p>LD has spoken with defects team to resolve this in coordination with A. All other defects will be sorted out ASAP.</p>	MR
4.	<p>Update from Committee Members:</p> <p>1. Foot paths:</p> <p>CT has spoken with Martin Bourne and there is a small issue with a few trees. It appears that construction will begin on the Harmanswater path at the beginning of May. This is great news. The other 3 paths (from Hawk Lane end), which are subject to change on the planning permission, the paperwork is insufficient and the extra detail has to be received before this can be taken forward.</p> <p>2. Benches:</p> <p>Alan Pitt will be coming to the site to see that the benches commissioned by Bracknell Town Council can be put up etc etc.</p> <p>3. Cricket pitch storage & other play area:</p> <p>CT informed the group that this is still outstanding.</p> <p>4. Website / online:</p> <p>GS gave an update – the website is coming on with updating the pages. This is great news. BB also has added the online hiring agreement for all to complete.</p> <p>5. Community Centre manager:</p> <p>LD told us that Crown Wood are in the process of interviewing for a Community Centre manager. ACTION: LD will update us for Crown Wood.</p>	LD
5.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>1. Bracknell Town Junior Football:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC told the group about the history of the club. Have been struggling with space since the Town Football club have made the space there unavailable. They are having difficulties finding a way to maintain the stability of the teams and tournaments and are looking for permanent space. This would be for the outdoor pitches up the top fields. This would likely be every Saturday morning and most evenings. • It was agreed that we would collate with BFC the expressions of interest we have had across the recent months to see if there is a way of managing this. • ACTION: AC to send BFC the expressions of interest form to collate this information <p>2. Boot Sale:</p>	<p>AC/EW/AW</p> <p>AR</p> <p>MR</p>

	<p>It was agreed this should go ahead. AR will take the lead.</p> <p>3. Garden / volunteering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The volunteer day (through Boehringer) is on 10th May. After the open event for discussions was poorly attended, some plans were discussed. It is likely that work on the day will include: light cultivation of the grass area, building of some raised beds and light planting. Potential outdoor storage for some childrens play equipment could be assembled also. The group will maintain email contact to agree and finalise these details before the date. ACTION: MR to chase Bob for any ideas. ACTION: AH to appeal on the facebook page for the support from a landscaper on the Parks to discuss. <p>4. Yoga Class:</p> <p>EW told the group we had received an expression of interest for a day time class for yoga. It was agreed we would hold this on file for the time being.</p> <p>5. Hiring Charges:</p> <p>AC/EW raised discussions about reduced rates for block bookings. It was agreed that once the centre had been open for 1 year and the end of finances were done, that this could be discussed.</p> <p>6. Pre school:</p> <p>The group invited the owner of Little Blossoms Nursery (who have enquired about the centre) to submit an expressions of interest form and arrange to meet with us. ACTION: LD to request this information to be sent.</p> <p>7. Public space (after adopted by BFC):</p> <p>PR asked what will happen to the swamped paths – AW told the group this would be assessed when TW sign the land over.</p> <p>8. TPRA events:</p> <p>PR told the group that plans were being made for the next TPRA event. The group agreed that if the committee would like to request some financial support, the CA would consider giving some funding for this event. ACTION: PR to let the CA know about funding for a TPRA event.</p> <p>9. Audio assessment:</p> <p>The CC was assessed by a University student for the acoustics in the centre and potential improvements/system ideas. AC to chase and arrange this report – the CA can then consider their options to install some new equipment.</p> <p>10. Car park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TR told the group that there are construction vehicles from the Ramslade House construction site parking in the centre. It was agreed this was the most suitable solution rather than parking in the road / unsafely near the children’s park The fence around the car park at the top of the steps near the flats has a big gap in it. This may be a danger for children etc using it unsafely. ACTION: AW will raise it and have a look ASAP. The group discussed inappropriate use of the car park for sporting activities and dog training. ACTION: AW will try to make contact with those people using the car par at certain times and report back. BFC are currently looking at the borders and planting in and around the car park. Lighting issues (and tripping out) seems to be resolved. 	<p>AH</p> <p>LD</p> <p>PR</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AW</p>
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6. Next Meeting:

Agreed for 10th May @ 7.15pm a the Community Centre meeting room.