

**MINUTES OF THE BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:- Mesdames: Robinson, Hughes, Beech, Kirsopp, Ashdown & Wilson
Messrs: Reading & Harazny.

APOLOGIES:- Ms. V Vickers
Messrs: Wills & Reading

IN ATTENDANCE: Users of Nursery Road Recreation Ground (6): Sam Street, Michael Hardy,
Luke Ollier, Gareth Thomas, Darren Mallam, Ryan Ollier
Helen Davies (Connections) and
Pastor Andy Webb (Barnton Pentecostal Church)

MIN FC 296/9/11 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared.

MINUTE FC 297/9/11 – URGENT BUSINESS:

None declared

MINUTE FC 298/9/11 – Question Time/Open Session:

None declared

**MINUTE FC 299/9/11 – NURSERY ROAD RECREATION GROUND –
SKATE/ROLLER BLADE FACILITIES:**

The Chairman introduced the Users Group from Nursery Road Recreation Ground.,

A. They were invited to describe the difficulties they were experiencing with the
Skate/RollerBlade equipment (the Ramps) which are summarised as:

- . The ramps are wearing and sinking into the base, causing gaps between the ramps and the base, which has become dangerous on account of the fact the wheels can become jammed into the gaps, just as users exit the ramps.
- . Incorrect paint has been used, such that the base metal has now been exposed.
- . The rubber tar at the bottom of the ramps is not fit for purpose – it just stops skaters "dead"
- . The construction frames within the ramps require strengthening – they have "sagged" – the spot welding has broken away.
- . Very young children (3-4yrs) are being allowed to play on the ramps while Parents sit down. The Users find that they are suddenly faced with a small child on the ramp, just as they are spinning at the top (say), ready to descend (at speed). They can also be found behind them, just as they are turning, or their hands are dangerously close to the action.
- . Small children should be under supervision in their own playground at the other end of the Park.
- . The football ground is very uneven and not a lot of use, and the football goals are too small.

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SKATE/ROLLER BLADE FACILITIES:Contd/.....**

B. There followed a general discussion about the way in which these difficulties could be overcome, and how the equipment could be developed, since the original equipment was envisaged for use by "Starters" who had now become more adept on the ramps.

Since the discussion had highlighted a number of Health & Safety Issues which the Council had not been made aware of, previously, the Clerk undertook to:

- (i) arrange for a specialist Report from a company, experienced in assessments of this kind, to include Recommendations for improvements which could be part of a rolling programme.
- (ii) to issue a note in "Tunnel Top", warning parents of the dangers to young children
- (iii) to ascertain options for the improvement of the Football pitch, including the possibility of senior and junior pitches crossing each other on the same ground

C). The Clerk undertook to ascertain Funding options through groups such as:

- (i) the National Lottery, and Grant-Aid
- (ii) Business and CWaC Funding (particularly that available from local CWaC Councillors)
- (iii) Veolia and Wren (from Landfill Taxes)

**MINUTE FC 300/9/11 – BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL –
THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE – JUNE 2012:**

MINUTE 295/9/11 REFERS

The Clerk had compiled a list of possible events for the day to which were added more particular arrangements for the Users Group to organise a Competition and Tuition sessions, making use of the Ramps, as well as offers from the wider community - Art/Poetry; Tea/Coffee and Cakes (Mrs C Ashdown); Burger & Hot Dog stall (Mrs S Beech); Ice Cream (Deputy Clerk) Bouncy Castle (Pastor Andy Webb); Goal competition; Pony Rides & Steam Engine (Mrs C Ashdown); Face Painting & Giant Games (Helen Davies); Circus Skills & Card Tricks at the tables (Helen Davies); Community song Sessions; Cheerleaders; Sound Systems (Pastor Andy Webb); Inclusion of Residents from Oakwood House & Transport (MAD Youth Club); Maypole Dancing

The Chairman offered a contact for a "posh" external toilet provider and the need for Tables. Chairs (Mrs S Beech) and Marquees (Mrs C Wilson) were discussed, along with a Hog Roast, Village Photos, Fancy Dress from the 50's, a Tribute Band, and the Electricity Supply (Clerk).

Consideration needs to be given to a local dignitary to open proceedings, as well as additional funding.

Anticipated Date:- Monday 4th June 2012

The Clerk would be collating events and responsibilities, with a view to arranging another meeting in one month's time - TBA

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman:.....*Helen Kirby*.....Date 3rd October 2011