

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ON
MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT:- Mr K Reading,
Mesdames: Hughes, Kirsopp and Robinson.

APOLOGIES:- Mrs C Ashdown

MINUTE P&RG 061/09/10 - DECLARATION OF RESERVES:

Mrs H Kirsopp as reserve for Mrs C Ashdown

MINUTE P&RG 062/09/10 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared.

MINUTE P&RG 063/09/10 – QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:

A significant number of residents from the Runcorn Road area were present. They raised detailed concerns about the new Multi Use Activity equipment which had been installed on the Runcorn Road Recreation Ground.

Mrs Shepherd presented their case, supported in the main by Mr Tavener and Mr Rawling. Their presentation was supported with a file which included photographs and incident reports.

They drew attention to health & safety issues concerning young children climbing on the frame, with no safety matting below, to nuisance issues relating to many youths retrieving balls from resident's gardens, to the endless noise of balls being kicked against the metal frame and to the inappropriate positioning of the equipment.

They were of the opinion that the equipment was sited in the wrong place, limiting it's value in terms of football activities and that many of their concerns and incidents of trespass could be overcome by siting the equipment the other way about and at a greater distance from the garden boundaries.

Mr Rawling was well aware of issues relating to drainage and sewer pipes and was of the opinion that these should not hinder a more appropriate siting of the equipment. There was no need to consider any levelling of the ground.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their views and for the suggestions that had been made. He undertook to consider matters further, along with the other Councillors present, and arrange to reply to those who had given their address to the Clerk.

MINUTE P&RG 064/09/10 – MINUTES:

AGREED. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2010 be approved.

Proposed: Mrs J Hughes Seconded: Mrs H Kirsopp Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 065/09/10 – CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL (CWAC) –

Contributions to Parish Play Areas:

The Clerk reported that the Grant Aid from CWAC and from the CWAC Councillors had been received and had been invested in the Multi-Use Activity equipment on Runcorn Road Recreation Ground, as referred to in MINUTE P&RG 063/09/10, above.

MINUTE P&RG 066/09/10 – RECREATION GROUNDS – SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

The reports from the safety inspector for the previous three months were received. It was noted that much of the work in relation to vandalism damage had since been completed. However, it was

AGREED: that the Clerk

- i) clarify the holes referred to on the climbing frame on the Runcorn Road Recreation Ground.
- ii) arrange for much more prominent signs, deterring dog walkers on the Runcorn Road Recreation Ground
- iii) ensure that the Spring Rocker and the Litter Bin had been secured on the Nursery Road Recreation Ground
- iv) advise on the appointment of a casual handyman who can attend to repairs for the future

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mrs A Robinson

Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 067/09/10 – GUNNERSCLOUGH WOOD:

The Report of the site meeting with the Assistant Community Forester was received, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes.

AGREED:

- i) That upgrading and remedial work be further considered once the loan monies, allocated for the purchase of the woodland, had been received. Particular caution was recommended in relation to Japanese Knotweed.
- ii) That the Clerk request quotations from the tree safety companies referred to in the Report

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mrs A Robinson

Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 068/09/10 – PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD:

AGREED:

That this item be referred to the next full meeting of the Parish Council

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mr K Reading

Unanimous