

Bradwell Parish Council



01 June 2021

A meeting of the Amenities and Highways Committee at 7.00pm
This meeting was held at Bradwell Bowling Club

PRESENT: Cllrs, Hirst (Chairman), Carrier, Comer, Goodchild, Shaw, Steggles, Watson

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk, C Bacon

Cllr Hirst thanked the previous Amenities Chairman, Cllr Carrier.

2106-A44) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Hamilton, Sargeant and Wainwright.

2106-A45) APPOINTMENT OF AMENITIES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hamilton was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Amenities and Highways Committee.

2106-A46) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. There were no members of the public present.

2106-A47) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

2106-A48) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of 9th February were noted, as they were previously approved at the Parish Council meeting of 23rd March.

2106-A49) CLERK'S REPORT

a) Football Field The goal mouth on Green Lane Playing Field never recovered in 2020. This area is used extensively in the summer, so the grass seed never had a chance to grow. The caretaker is to fence this area off this year using fencing pins and orange netting.

b) Crime

Incident reports since last Amenities & Highways Committee meeting:

Date	Who Reported	Reported Activity	Action
15 th Jan 21 to 25 th May 21	Resident	13 * incidents of ASB in Green Lane car park	PC Vinny Gray writing to all registered keepers of cars involved. One was a repeat offender – PC VG visited the registered keeper and explained they could have their vehicle seized if they continue to cause ASB at this site.
15-Jan-21	Caretaker	Graffiti in Sun Inn bus shelter	Crime number issued by police
31-Mar-21 to 19 th April 21	Caretaker	"Toxic' graffiti" * 5 (a bin on Green Lane Playing Field, a bus shelter on Laurel Drive, a noticeboard on Willow Lane, red goal mouth, Gipsies Green bench)	Crime numbers issued by police
06-Apr-21	Caretaker	Fencing Pins stolen from area cordoned off in front of the unstable wall between 1 Pinecot Avenue & Gipsies Green	Crime number issued by police

19-Apr-21	Caretaker	A dozen drugs bags and some drugs tin foil found at Mr Jarvis' bench on GLPF	Sent photo to the police. PC Vinny Gray to step up patrols on Green Lane
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PC Vinny Gray report 11th May 21: *"I had some positive outcomes last night, a group of youths causing ASB and possibly involved in Criminal Damage at the green area on Royal Sovereign Crescent, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 9GE, were stopped, details taken and their parents will be receiving a letter in the post advising them that their child was stopped by Police where there has been recent issues involving ASB and Criminal Damage. Also later on that night I stopped a male who was smoke cannabis on MILL LANE PLAYING FIELD and was also found in possession of further cannabis. This male was dealt with by way of being issued a Cannabis Street Warning as this was a first time drug offence for himself. Hopefully the youths will start to get the message that ASB or any Criminal Offences will not be tolerated in the Bradwell area.*

I have also linked in with the school's a lot recently and been in contact with the Safer School's Officer from LYNN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL. I have asked her to update the school regarding recent issues, asking if they can mention something in the upcoming assemblies and send out letters/e-mails to parents advising them that they should be aware of what their children are up to when they are out in public unsupervised by them"

Cllr's Carrier, Comer and Hirst will look into setting up the Crime Review Assessment Group with the Clerk.

c) Update to Barrier at Green Lane Playing Field

Three companies were approached to quote for:

- a) Installation of a manual barrier
- b) Service to open/close manual barrier 7 days a week
- c) Installation of an automated, electronic barrier

The company that installed the existing height restriction barrier has not yet provided a quote, nor responded to numerous correspondence from the Clerk. An alternative company is now being approached to quote. These quotes will be submitted to the next Amenities Committee.

d) Linking CCTV to Gorleston or Great Yarmouth Police CCTV Hub. Quotes are being sought from Gorleston and Great Yarmouth CCTV hubs to possibly directly link to the Parish Council CCTV system. To be reported to a future Amenities Committee.

e) Unstable Wall at 1 Pinecot Avenue The unstable wall was fenced off by the owner of the property over the Easter weekend.

f) Gaps in the hedge between Green Lane Playing Field and Gipsies Green At the advice of the groundskeeper, following correspondence from a resident worried about ASB, the Caretaker has blocked off the gaps in the hedge with twine and dead branches.

g) Asbestos at Beccles Road Allotments. The asbestos contractor will be on site Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June. The site will be closed to tenants between the hours of 8am-4pm on these days. Letters have been sent to all tenants advising they can come to site before or after these times.

h) Gipsies Green Footpath: The Clerk only recently learnt that maintenance of the Pightle footpath was the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Caretaker has now trimmed back 4 years of growth and picked up all the litter. This will be an ongoing maintenance task for the Caretaker going forward.

2106-A50) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

a) Football teams playing at Green Lane Playing Field.

A schedule of matches played and payments received was circulated with this meeting agenda.

It was **resolved to offer a 50% discount on next year's fees to Gorleston Spitfires as they paid 100% of 20-21 season fees. Hopton and Prostars only paid 50% of 20-21 season fees, so no refund is due.**

b) The Bowling Club building alterations

A letter detailing a request for alterations at the Bowling Club was circulated with this meeting agenda. The Bowling Club has requested a) replacement of the water meter to raise it to a height that can be easily read; b) Replacement of sealed units to the windows that have a scratched and cloudy outer plastic; c) Replacement of the heating system to a more efficient system like a hot air fan system.

It was **resolved to support the building improvements; however the Parish Council will not financially contribute to building improvements unless it is a statutory requirement.**

c) Additional CCTV camera over hard-court playing area on Green Lane Playing Field

It was agreed that CCTV over the hard-court playing area and new zipwire area would be a good idea. The Clerk will bring quotes to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

d) Purchase of four fence posts and four bags of postcrete for the allotment noticeboards.

Members of the Allotment Advisory Committees for both allotment sites have requested a site noticeboard. Cllr Carrier has renovated the two old noticeboards from Leo Coles Pavilion and the bus shelter opposite the Sun Inn. The boards will be erected within the allotment site boundaries.

It was **resolved to purchase four bags of postcrete and four fence posts at the approximate cost of £85 to erect these allotment noticeboards.**

e) Purchase of a physical numbering system for allotment plots

There is currently no physical way to identify the individual plots. This issue has been requested by the Allotment Advisory Committee members.

It was **resolved to purchase a physical numbering system comprising of numbering and stakes for the two allotment plots at an approximate cost of £120.**

2106-A51) ITEMS FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Norfolk County Council's Planting 1 Million Trees in 2021 Initiative. The Clerk has registered interest in this project, but this does not commit the Council to any action. An application

form will be available in June. It was proposed that the football pitch get moved slightly to allow for a corridor of trees along the west side of the playing field, adjacent to Green Lane. The football pitch at Green Lane Playing Field is the maximum width allowed according to FA regulations, so there is scope to reduce the width.

The committee were in favour of the idea of planting more native trees, but careful thought must be given to maintenance and ongoing care. Consideration must be given to the species of trees planted to negate problems for future generations.

- b) The Bowling Club has expressed an interest in sharing the waste facility at Leo Coles Pavilion. It was **resolved that Cllr Hirst and the Clerk discuss with the Bowling Club, then prepare the necessary paperwork, probably as an addendum to the tenancy agreement, to bring back to the next Amenities Committee. Thought must be given to the fact the club is only open 6 months of the year.**
- c) A complaint has been received about bad language from footballers playing Sat 22nd May 21. The Caretaker has spoken to the club involved, which will be an agenda item for them before the next season starts. Bad language is a form of Anti-Social Behaviour, which referees and linesmen have a duty to address. The Caretaker will speak to the referee before each match in this regard.
- d) S106 update: The property and assets team at the Borough Council have agreed the following:

Picnic tables: Five at Mill Lane parallel with the play area; Four at Green Lane, two east and two west of the play area, suitably spaced to enable grass cutting; and one at the Reading Rooms communal area. It was felt necessary to have litterbins placed next to the picnic tables.

Zip wire: to be installed at Green Lane, the south side of play area.

Improvements to Generation Wood: £10k has been offered, which has not yet been accepted as practicalities need to be considered.

Extension to skatepark & Trim-trails: The Borough Council are doing a review of assets, which will be concluded by end of June.

An amount will be kept aside for maintenance.

- e) 50/50 Bus Shelter update. The Borough Council were approached 7th May 21: because they have been maintaining this piece of land for many years, it was suggested they apply to Land Registry to register the land for themselves? The issue is currently with their legal department to advise on whether they can assist.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed: Date: