



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

# Land and Recreation Committee

Meeting held Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009. John Lampon Hall

Councillors present	David Short, Harry Stone, Jenny Church.
Apologies	

The meeting commenced with a discussion with 3 reps (Anthony, Mick and Clive) from the Football Club. 2 issues were identified.

a) Training lights.

It was proposed that a drawing should be produced by the football club to show where the lights would be placed, the height of the pylons and direction of the lighting. These would need to be anti glare and agreed by the Planning Dept. The lights would be in use once a week for training.

b) The Lease of the land

In order to apply for a grant from the Football Foundation for development of a new club house, the Club requires a 25 year lease. It would take the club 2-3 years to raise the money for the development. The possibility of the Parish Council acquiring land in the village for recreational purposes was mentioned and the possibility of a more suitable site for the Club could be available in the future.

It was agreed that a letter of intent to give the Club a 25 year lease would be drawn up which could satisfy the Club and the Football Foundation when the Club applies for a grant.

These 2 items need to be discussed at the next PC meeting with a view to a decision being made at the September PC meeting when the Football Club reps could attend.

## Main meeting

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| 1 | <p><b>Allotments</b><br/>         A waiting list has been published on the allotment notice board.<br/>         New requests for plots in future will be sent to Val in the first instance.<br/>         All allotment rents would in future be invoiced by Val and paid direct to Val.</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>Action<br/><br/>HS</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Poors Land</b><br/>         The areas of turfing have taken well.<br/>         The hedges have been cut by Billy King and arrangements were made to remove the flailing on the same day. A good job has been done by all involved.<br/>         It is proposed to arrange for Billy King to cut lower branches of some trees to allow the tractor to pass more easily underneath. This will be done in the winter.</p> |                           |
| 3 | <p><b>Heath</b><br/>         The wilderness on the Heath needs clearing. This will commence next week. David Short to make these arrangements with Billy King.<br/>         Overhanging branches in New Church Road also need attention.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | DS                        |
| 4 | <p><b>Lorkin Daniel Playing Field and Play Areas</b><br/>         The broken Horse spring in the play area will be repaired by Gary and David Short.<br/>         Regarding any future changes that might be made to the use of the Lorkin Daniel field, it is important to identify the original terms of use for the field. Is it only for sports?</p>                                                                     | DS                        |



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- 5 **Queens Head Pond**  
"Danger of Deep water" and "No fishing" signs to be ordered. DS  
Clearing of reed masses, and cost of same, needs to be discussed at PC meeting.  
Need to talk to Vet before any plans are made of how to increase female duck population.
- 6 **Hall Road Pond**  
Ownership of pond still in question. Acquisition by Parish Council must involve solicitors and due to financial situation this has to be left pending. Gary will continue to trim the verges which keeps the area looking tidier.
- 7 **Lexden Road Pond**  
There appears to be a problem with garden waste being dumped at pond area. This DS  
needs to be checked.
- 8 **BYG**  
The club is running well. It has been decided by the Club management that the children's play area will be out of bounds to club members on club nights.
- 9 **Parish Churchyard**  
A start has been made by Gary on clearing some of the vegetation. Community DS  
Service Workers could be requested to become involved. David to communicate with Parish Church Council
- 10 **Memorial**  
It was decided that the Parish Council would place a bench with a plaque in memory of Peter Johnson. Proposed it could be sited by the play area in the shade of the trees. Funding to be discussed at PC meeting
- 11 **Mumford Close Land**  
To see if this piece of land can be mown by CBC when cutting other areas of CBC DS  
grass in the village.
- 12 **Hours of work of Handy man**  
There is so much work for Gary to do it is not easy to keep up with it all. Can this problem be resolved in any way? To discuss at next PC meeting.  
What is the situation regarding holiday pay for Gary?
- 13 **Fly tipping and graffiti**  
There are severe problems in Erle Havard Road that need to be investigated. DS

Date of next meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 5.30pm John Lampon Hall.