



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Land and Recreation Committee

Meeting held Thursday 8th October 2009. John Lampon Hall

Councillors present David Short, Harry Stone, Jenny Church, Sue Day
 Apologies

Football Club - 1) The letter regarding lease of Orpen Field has been agreed and sent.
 2) This committee agrees that the Football Club should proceed to apply for planning permission to erect flood lights on the field for practice sessions. The lights should be positioned to ensure the least problem for local housing and must be antiglare.

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| 1 | <u>Allotments</u>
The weekly bonfire sessions have not created any problems. There are 139 plots (5rods) currently in use. There is a waiting list of 5/6. Val has agreed to manage the allotment rents. | Action |
| 2 | Poors Land
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. | DS |
| 3 | Heath
The wilderness on the Heath has been cleared.
Overhanging branches in New Church Road need attention. Community Service workers will come to continue tidying up the Heath. | DS |
| 4 | Lorkin Daniel Playing Field and Play Areas
Need to communicate with Bernard re. keys for posts to allow tractors onto the field currently there seems to be a problem with the post locks. | DS |
| 5 | Queens Head Pond
Bikes in pond have been removed.
Clearing of reed masses is a big problem more quotes will be requested for clearing. Advice from Joe Firmin will be sought regarding the problem with the reeds.
Re : the ducks - Mark Harrington will be asked for advice. | DS |
| 6 | Hall Road Pond
Ownership of pond still in question. Acquisition by Parish Council must involve solicitors and due to financial situation this will continue to be left pending. | |
| 7 | Lexden Road Pond
Bank of reeds also becoming a problem. See item 5 | DS |
| 8 | Covenant
If the covenant on the land at MacNally's would be released at any time, this committee thinks that the village should benefit from any increase in the value of the property if and when it is sold. | |
| 9 | BYG
The club is running well. Club numbers are increasing since the start of the Club year.
Following the nomination by Harry Stone, Amber Harlow and Graham Pullen were presented with the top award by CCVS for their outstanding roles in the setting up and running of the BYG. The award was made at the Colchester Youth Awards and is | |



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very well deserved. Congratulations to both of them.

10 Parish Churchyard

A meeting was held between Harry Stone and Richard Chadborn (from the PCC) with Community Service Workers representative. It was agreed that the CSW would be involved in further tidying up of churchyard.

DS

11 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. Awaiting cost estimate from "Miletree" in Cowdray Centre

JC

12 Litter

A successful litter pick was held around the village with about 20 people attending to help. 20 bags of litter were picked. Gary would litter pick the main entrance roads to the village.

Rubbish bags are still being tampered with in the village. The police have been informed.

13 Armoury Road

There is a problem with overhanging hedging on right side of this road which has become a hazard. Billy King could be asked to deal with this. David Short to discuss with John Gili Ross.

DS

14 Village seats

Repairs to village seats are being carried out by Gary. The seat opposite Methodist Church needs bigger repair costing approx £150. Committee agreed to go ahead with this.

15 Mumford Close.

A resident has complained about an oak tree that requires pruning back. This will be investigated.

16 Budgets for next year

Proposed the need for:- for clearing ponds £10,000; for running repairs £2,000; for tree pruning £1,000

17 Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th November 2009 at 5.30pm John Lampon Hall.