

MINUTES of a meeting held by Barlborough Country Park Group in Barlborough Village Hall on Tuesday 18th July at 19.30 hrs.

PRESENT: Bridget Ingle, Russell Cunliffe, Wayne Vardy, Donna Booth, John Shaw, Steve Riley, Bev Clark, Jill Logan and Clive Taylor.

APOLOGIES: Robert Gale, Ian Eames

019/2006	MINUTES	ACTION
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and correct record (SR and RC).	
020/2006	CORRESPONDENCE	
	1. The Charity Commission require some minor amendments to the Constitution in order to qualify for Charity Status. The amendments were read out agreed by the group. A copy of the revised Constitution to be sent to the CC with a copy of the Minutes from the meeting where they were agreed.	RC
	2. Clowne Town Football Club has requested the use of the pitch for next season. The details have been passed onto Wayne Vardy who is dealing with the bookings.	WV
021/2006	UPDATE AND MANAGEMENT OF FACILITES	
	1. Water connection – the work carried out by Bolsover District Council for the water connection is not to specification. Trench not deep enough, wrong colour pipe used (black instead of blue) and pipe does not extend to the kerbside. Bolsover have been made aware of these problems by Roz Bullimore (Parish Clerk) and are rectifying them. Severn Trent anticipates that the water will be connected by the 4 th August with the car park being laid shortly after that.	Roz Bullimore
	2. WV proposed opening the gates to allow parking on the CP while the Juniors were training. It was RESOLVED to allow this, however BC and WV to ensure that cars did not park on the playing fields themselves. Once the car park has been laid in the next few weeks, this problem will be resolved anyway.	BC/WV
	3. The remarking out of the football pitches and moving of the junior goal posts is scheduled for w/c 21 st August.	BC
	Bolsover District Council has extended the deadline for	BC

the NSF grant. The under spend (as previously agreed) will be used to purchase a set of junior goal posts and extra set of sockets for Ward Lane. The pitches will also be marked out with lime suppressant weed killer. This work will be carried out in conjunction with the work to the CP pitches.

4. JS suggested organising an official opening of the CP. It was agreed that this should be done for sometime in the autumn when all the work is complete. It was suggested that we approach Richard Caborn (Minister for Sport) to do this. **JS**
BI
5. There have been a number of incidents of vandalism. All the door handles have been broken off on the pavilion. The light sensor has also been smashed. Other vandalism includes damage to the fence at the entrance on Slayley View Road. Also, the children's willow structures have been trampled down. It was **RESOLVED** to work in partnership with the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of CCTV. **JS**
6. Members of the sub-group had met with Clive Taylor, Secretary of the Royal Oak Football Club. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the sub-groups recommendation that CT be invited to join the committee (as a non-voting member). **RC**
7. CT highlighted the fact that match dates are fixed. WV co-ordinating booking system, so this will be addressed. Also, Royal Oak has a number of pre season friendly games. It was agreed that Ward Lane could be used for these as it was prior to the reconfiguration of the pitches. **WV**
8. Charges – it was **RESOLVED** that:
1. Barlborough Senior Teams - £35 per match (no bond). Others £40 per match with a bond of £160 (monthly fee for four matches) to be invoiced monthly.
2. Barlborough Junior Teams – no charge (they do not need the use of the pavilion). Others £10 per match.
RC

Fines – CT informed the group that any team causing damage can be fined via the Chesterfield FA. **CT**

Cleaning – BC has a number of cleaners interested in cleaning the pavilion. It will cost between £10 and £15 to clean after use, slightly more for very dirty jobs. **BC**
9. Clowne Tennis Club – the planning department had been approached to comment on the outline proposals for siting tennis courts on the CP. They were unable to comment until they were in receipt of some plans. BI to meet with **BI**

representatives of the tennis club (Friday 21st July 6.30pm) on the CP to look at possible sites for courts – all invited.

It was also suggested that a landscape architect look over the plans once the tennis club have had them drawn up.

10. JS updated the group on the wind turbine project. It has been granted planning permission, although currently there is no funding available. Carbon Concepts have proposed that if the Parish Council put the concrete base in, they will install the turbine. The extra electricity generated can be sold back to the National Grid. **JS**

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ACTIVITIES

1. Bolsover District Council has agreed to stage their Go Football programme on the CP from 21st to 25th August. WV and BC pointed out that no publicity for BDCs summer programme had been distributed to schools. BI to chase up. Portable toilets will be available for the week in the unlikely event of the water not being connected to the pavilion. **BI**
2. Family Fun Day 20th August 11am to 4pm – this is being organised between the Parish Council, Bolsover District Council and the Clowne and Barlborough Sports Action group. WV confirmed that he would be organising a penalty competition and BC agreed to organise the relay races. WV and BC to liaise with Roz regarding the arrangements. **WV BC**
3. CT informed the group that Rory Hallam (the landlord of the Royal Oak and President of the Football Club) was very supportive of how the Country Park group/Parish Council were trying to develop the facilities for the community. He has opened up the facilities of the Royal Oak for anything the group may want to use it for. **CT**

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MAINTENANCE ISSUES

1. Dog fouling and litter is an ongoing problem. The Parish Council can introduce a Byelaw to keep dogs on leads (without having to apply to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister), but there has to be someone trained/available to enforce it. Suggested approaching BDC to buy time in from their neighbourhood wardens. BI to discuss with dog warden. **BI**

It was **RESOLVED** that the group should seek funding for a warden to help manage the CP area. **DB JL BI**

2. Site Security – it was **RESOLVED** that a number of measures needed to be taken to improve the security of the site.

- a. The current pedestrian access next to the main gate needs blocking up. The footpaths officer from DCC will not agree to a pedestrian entrance at this location. It is envisaged that the hedge can be extended in this area to stop people cutting through the fence.
- b. The trench is re dug around the perimeter of the land where there is no hedge i.e end of Clowne Road and down Oxcroft Way. This is to deter people from cutting through or jumping over the fence. The trench will also serve as a valuable wildlife habitat. Peter Widdowson to be approached to do this.
- c. A section of fencing needs to be installed from Oxcroft Way to the end of the gardens on Clay Pit Way.
- d. The fencing to the entrance of the CP on Slayley View Road to be replaced with railings. This will allow the area to be opened up. Metal railings will be more vandal resistant and in the longer term more cost effective.
- e. Approach the footpaths officer from DCC to examine the feasibility of installing a pedestrian access point just after the boundary of 84 Clowne Roads land. For any pedestrian access point it needs to have disabled access.

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FUNDING

1. Awards for All – the willow structures were installed but have been trampled down. It was **RESOLVED** to spend some time in the autumn rebuilding them. **DB JL**

The mosaics designed by the different community groups have been installed around the base of the pit wheel. **DB**

It was **RESOLVED** to install the benches once the site had been made more secure.

2. JS suggested that a bid be put together for the pedestrian access, fencing and footpaths to the Parish Council. If there is money in the reserves, they may consider funding this work to make the site secure and accessible through designated routes. Otherwise the damage caused will be a constant drain on resources. **DB JL**
3. Greenwatch Action Grant – it was **RESOLVED** to apply to Derbyshire County Councils Greenwatch Action Grants to help fund the hedgelaying course for volunteers. DB confirmed that the Elmton and Creswell Village Company have already donated £500 towards the cost of running the course. **DB BI**
4. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Parish Council **DB**

requesting the first half of the CP precept (£5,000).

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 8th August – 7.30pm