



## BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a meeting of the Bratton Recreation Ground Committee held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm.

**Present:** Mr M Manson (Chairman), Cllr J Ligo, Cllr S Lloyd, Cllr N Kew, Mr P Sharland, Mr G Preuveneers

**Open Forum to hear from members of the public – None.**

	AGENDA ITEM
BRG115	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> The Parish Clerk had presented apologies due to an incidence of covid at home, accepted.
BRG116	<b>Minutes of Committee meetings</b> a) The minutes of a Committee meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved for accuracy and referred to the Parish Council for adoption. b) Matters arising from the above meeting of the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A date of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was agreed for the annual Quiz Night</li><li>• Cllr Lloyd would chase outstanding invoices, which would be provided by the Parish Clerk.</li></ul>
BRG117	<b>Finance Report</b> a) Statement of Accounts– members received and noted the financial reports as at 31 December 2021 (copy previously circulated). b) The reserve (capital) account was noted to stand at £14,692.42.
BRG1118	<b>Recreation Ground Drainage</b> Cllr Kew presented his report (appended to these minutes) on the work he had organised to assess the soil at the Recreation Ground. A deficit in manganese had been identified which could be dealt with by a bi-annual spray alongside the weed killing spray. The 'feed' spray could be abandoned as the quality of the soil did not require this. Cllr Kew agreed to speak to Greensward, the grass maintenance contractor, to arrange the manganese and weed killing treatments in Spring 2022.  Three drainage option were considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Air injection carried out by the volunteers at a cost of approximately £1,000</li><li>2. A contract to achieve air injection at an approximate cost of £6,000</li><li>3. A contract to carry out mole ploughing at an approximate cost of £ £7,000</li></ol>

	<p>After assessing the risks and benefits of each option the Committee agreed to the first option which could be accommodated within the 2022/2023 budget. Cllr Kew would arrange to obtain quotations for the hire of the appropriate equipment. The Committee agreed to ask the volunteer maintenance team to undertake this work in September 2022, when the conditions would be most favourable.</p> <p>Cllr Kew would also arrange to obtain the 1000 earthworms which the Committee had previously agreed to purchase which would have a longer term influence on improving drainage.</p>
BRG119	<p><b>Recreation Ground Usage</b></p> <p>Mr Lloyd had provided an update on team usage of the Recreation Ground, a copy of which is appended to the minutes.</p>
BRG120	<p><b>Member Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Lloyd reported that the chainsaw the volunteers had been given was not fit for purpose. A resident had indicated that he was prepared to lend a chain saw if needed. The Committee recognised that only an appropriately qualified person should use such a saw at the Recreation Ground.</p>
BRG121	<p><b>Date of next Committee meeting</b></p> <p>The date for the next meeting of the Bratton Recreation Ground Committee was agreed as Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.15pm.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.