



## **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting of Thursday 9th May 2024**

**Present:** Cllr M Salvage, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr B Salisbury, Cllr Granger  
Mrs V Ball (Clerk)

### **Public Participation**

6 members of the public

### **AC – 14/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Harrison for reason of illness, Cllr Cornish for reason of funeral, Cllr Downing for reason of holiday. These apologies were noted.

### **AC – 15/2024 To accept the minutes of the Amenities Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting for 20<sup>th</sup> March were reviewed and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **AC –16/2024 Matters Arising from the minutes of the last Amenities Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 not on Agenda.**

It is noted that Cllr Salvage is now the Chair of Amenities, and Cllr Harrison is Vice Chair.

Cllr Granger has been unable to continue with her work on installing Public Conveniences on Beggars Plot, it was agreed that Cllrs Granger and Salvage would arrange the visit to see this type of working conveniences.

### **AC – 17/2024 Discuss the request for a Pump Track on Town Bottom Playing Fields**

Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss this request. There are several issues to installing a track on this field. The Bradwell Neighbourhood plan states that no building is allowed on Green Spaces in the village, this includes Town Bottom, Beggars Plot and the Peace Gardens.

There is also the issue of it being in a conservation area and the question on whether planning permission would be required.

Questions were raised on the suitability of Town Bottom Playing Field and Cllr Granger reported no bikes are allowed on the field due to health and safety.

It was suggested that a path could be constructed to the side with a fence to keep bikes off the grass. A new gate was due to be installed between the gap of The Shoulder Pub and Town Bottom.

A resident reported that they had approached The Sports Club and they had refused due to lack of space. The other options had been Jeff Eyre's field and The Bonfire Field, but these had also been negative responses.

Alan Ridgeway had also been approached but he was somewhat reluctant to give up any of his land, and this would come at a cost. However it was agreed to approach him again.

Beggars Plot was unsuitable as the whole field was required for Carnival each year, and the land was very overlooked by neighbouring houses.

It was asked whether Breedon would have any land at the end of Gore Lane that they would be willing to donate or be able to use for this purpose. It was also asked if The CLT could be

approached. There was a suggestion to ask in the Bradwell News if anyone in the village had any land that could be used for this purpose.

**ACTION:** Clerk to add this question to the Bradwell Newsletter.

**ACTION:** Cllr Salvage and Harrison to approach Steve Groves at Breedon. Cllr Harrison to talk to Alan Ridgeway.

Cllr Salisbury reported that the conveyance for Town Bottom had been reviewed and the land was not given to the village, it was a purchase between Elsie Mary Eyre and The Parish Council in 1912. The land was registered as a recreation ground.

It was agreed that after all the other options had been exhausted and if there was no alternative then Town Bottom could be reconsidered as a location. There would however need to be an open meeting for residents to vote on this, the Memorial Hall could be used for this purpose.

It was agreed by all attendants that there needed to be clear direction and communication between all parties, but progress had been made at this meeting. It was also suggested to make use of the 'class dojo' app for the school to keep parents informed.

As of yet there had been no fundraising for this project which would be approx. £50,000 depending Fundraising and grants would be available It was agreed that the Parish Council could assist in other ways such as with VAT.

#### **AC – 18/2024 Review the request by 'The Litter Pickers' for equipment to aid their cleaning work**

Committee agreed that a budget of £100 could be put aside to provide equipment for 'The litter picking group' to purchase tools, gloves and bin bags.

Cllr Granger reported that there were some litter picking tools in the Town Bottom Store which the group could use, but there would be the issue of access.

**ACTION:** Clerk to find the tools out of the store

#### **AC – 19/2024 Timetable for Future Meetings**

The next meeting to be scheduled for 27/06/24

**The meeting concluded at 20:47pm**