NOTES from meeting in the Recreation Field on Monday 29th January – Westcountry TV filming re Broad Oak.

Chair & Clerk discussing items with Tim Jarrett (Tree Officer MDDC) and tree contractors.

1. TJ confirmed the main stem of the oak will remain and may possibly be moved 45% around to give more room at the top of the recreation field.
2. Behind the main stem large limbs will be left to facilitate seating and an ecological habitat. This will also give an “informal” play area
3. A tractor will be required to come across the Recreation Field – any damage caused will be rectified by either the contractors or MDDC.
4. A compound will be needed by the Contractors in order to secure the tractor overnight. Agreed this would probably be on the flat area of grass on the top of the Recreation Field adjacent to the Children’s Play Area. If the compound is sited there the contractors will secure the pedestrian gate at the top of the play area.
5. TJ/contractors indicating a massive crane will be needed to move some limbs of the tree in order to make the area safe. This will mean that Coach Road will be closed during this time and MDDC will arrange the emergency closing of the road with DCC
6. It is intended that the parts of the tree which need to be removed will be put in the compound and the Parish Council can then arrange disposal to parishioners etc. TJ did point out that there is a value in the wood and they have to be careful who has the wood and for what purpose. The Chair had already thought of this point.
7. TJ and the Contractors carried out a site visit of the tree on the lower part of the Recreation Field which needs to be removed. The contractor confirmed if this was incorporated with the current works the cost would be £300. Clerk and Chair agreeing this should be carried out asap for health & safety reasons.