

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD NORTHLEACH TRUST

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING of KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD NORTHLEACH TRUST
Held at the Westwoods Centre on Wednesday 29 July 2022, 7pm.**

Trustees present: Cllrs Terry Morley-Blackwell (Chairman), Gina Blackwell, Valerie Glynn, Mark Ogden, and Caroline Saunders.

In attendance: Pauline Rigby, Clerk to the Trust, and Dale Pilling, Chairman of Northleach Junior Football Club

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Byron Hadley, Sara Gorst, Brian Hulcup, and Andrew Wellman.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Question Time

Members of the public present did not wish to raise any questions.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Trust meeting held on 18 May 2022 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Action Point Update

The Clerk reported that Northleach Primary School have put the issue of the licence fee in front of their governors and hoped to have a response soon; Gigaclear has been asked to send updated maps for the network access agreement, and suggested the location of the round picnic bench is discussed on site before bringing the matter back to a meeting.

6. Finance

6.1 Trustees received the internal auditor advice on accounting for donated goods or services, including those provided by the council.

6.2 It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation and statement of accounts for 2021-22 be approved.

6.3 Trustees received the budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation for the year to date.

6.4 It was RESOLVED that the annual accounts presented be submitted to the Charities Commission.

6.5 It was RESOLVED that payment of accounts be approved in the sum of £2,541.65 as per the schedule appended to these minutes.

6.6 Trustees noted with thanks the profit share rent received of £2246.00 from Northleach Club Limited.

7. Playing Field

Trustees considered a proposal from Northleach Junior Football Club to sell the moveable junior goals to the Council for £700 for public use. The background was that, following requests from local children, Community Builder Sue Pilling had secured a £500 grant from World Jungle to provide football goals for public use on the playing field.

Chairman of the Junior Football Club Dale Pilling was invited to speak and explained that current club members have outgrown the goals and do not use them for matches but would expect to continue to use them for training. Questions were raised about how the purchase would be funded. Could the goals be donated instead of purchased? What are the Club's expectations if the goals are damaged? How had the goals been valued? Dale Pilling explained they had cost about £1,500 new and are less than one year old.

Some trustees were not comfortable making a decision without knowing if all the funding was in place. It was suggested that the question of funding was dealt with separately from consent to have the goals on the field.

It was noted that there were two proposals: one to purchase the junior goals from the Football Club and weights, or two to purchase a separate set of socketed goals, which would mean having more goals on the field.

It was RESOLVED that the Trust approve Option One, and agree to take ownership of the Club goals, subject to full external funding being in place.

- 7.1 To consider a proposal to provide a 'community games chest' of children's toys and play equipment for public use on the playing fields, funded by a £500 grant from World Jungle.

It was RESOLVED that permission be granted for the community games chest, subject to the final design of the storage chest being agreed with the Clerk and the supervision being the responsibility of the Community Builder.

The Clerk was asked to draw up an agreement outlining the responsibilities.

- 7.2 To review request from Northleach & Minety Cricket Club to use and store pitch covers on the playing field, provisionally agreed on a trial basis.

It was RESOLVED that permission be granted on a trial basis.

- 7.3 To consider request from Staffordshire District Association to hold a camping and caravanning club meet on the playing fields.

The Clerk had checked with Fields in Trust who said it was a matter for the landowner. Points against were potential disturbance to the neighbours, damage to playing field (especially if the weather was wet), safety of other field users and access to the public. Points in favour the request were that it would bring money into the town. It was also noted they had requested a disposal point for chemical toilets. Trustees felt they should give the request due consideration and investigate further, including speaking to other landowners about their experiences with similar activities.

It was RESOLVED to investigate further the risks and rewards of holding an activity of this nature in a central location.

7.4 To review the application process for public events held on the field.

The Clerk explained that an application process had been quickly put in place for the use of the field for the Northleach Charter Fair and was seeking Trustee's views on how this should be managed going forward.

It was RESOLVED that the application form be approved, subject to an amendment to indicate whether exclusive use of car park is required and at what times, and that event applications will be determined by the Trust. Applications to be received six weeks in advance of the event, and an extra Trust meeting would be called after a council meeting if necessary.

8. Pavilion

8.1 Maintenance update: The Clerk reported a roof leak over the corridor and changing rooms and has been trying to meet with the roofer, although this has been hampered by not having a set of changing room keys in the office. It was agreed to get more keys cut.

8.2 To agree terms of reference for Pavilion Working Group. Deferred until the next meeting.

9. Tennis Courts

The licence with Northleach Tennis Club is due for renewal. The Clerk presented a report outlining a range of options for a lease or license. It was proposed to invite Northleach Tennis Club to a meeting to discuss the way forward and keep all options on the table at this point.

Cllrs Glynn, Morley-Blackwell and Ogden offered to represent the Trust in the discussions.

10. Items for Future Meetings

The following items were noted: Review of lease to Northleach Club Limited; progress on pavilion roadmap.

To be added: concrete base for the picnic bench

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds 26 October 2022, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____

Payment schedule

Invoice Date	Supplier	Service	Amount
25-Mar	Dave Payne Electrics	Emergency lights	£ 655.39
28-Mar	Castle Water	Water rates	£ 578.39
05-Apr	United Gas and Power	Electricity	£ 326.33
14-Apr	Ecosolve	Weed treatment	£ 391.20
19-Apr	Eastwood Pest Control	Mole trapping	£ 132.00
26-Apr	United Gas and Power	Electricity	£ 56.07
03-May	United Gas and Power	Electricity	£ 290.09
10-Jun	United Gas and Power	Electricity	£ 112.18
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 2,541.65

Note: Already paid unless marked *.