

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 26 October 2022, 7pm.

Trustees present: Cllrs Terry Morley-Blackwell (Chairman), Gina Blackwell, Sara Gorst, Brian Hulcup, Laura Kirkby, Adam Tattersall, Andrew Wellman and Valerie Glynn.

In attendance: Pauline Rigby, Clerk to the Trust, and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Byron Hadley and Caroline Saunders. Cllr Sara Gorst said she would have to leave at 8pm.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Question Time

Chairman of Charter Fair had promised to keep Trust updated about their plans. A copy of the accounts had been circulated to the Trustees, and he had attended the meeting to answer any questions.

Several members of the public gave their views on the request to hold a Camping and Caravan Club meet on the playing field. Points raised against the request were that there is provision elsewhere for this type of activity, such as a campsite nearby; it would be immediately disruptive for households backing onto the playing fields, but also for the wider community, and there were concerns about traveller incursion if the site became more widely known; narrow access roads to the site were unsuitable for caravans; and that residents understood the playing field as being for their enjoyment while this proposal was not. Points raised for the request were the extra funding, although it was felt that the compensation would not be adequate given the extra work involved, such as cleaning the toilets.

It was suggested that the Trust consider alternative ways of raising money if money was the motivating factor.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to move this motion up the agenda. It was debated and voted on at this point in the meeting, but the resolution is recorded under the original item number for ease of reference.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Trust meeting held on 29 June 2022 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Action Point Update

Matters to report not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

McCracken has agreed to install the round picnic table.

6. Finance

- 6.1 It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation to 30 September be approved.
- 6.2 Trustees received the budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation for the year to date.
- 6.3 It was RESOLVED that payment of accounts be approved in the sum of £3,097.82 as per the schedule appended to these minutes.

7. Camping & Caravanning Club

- 7.1 *Minute 7.3 of 29 July 2022 refers.*

To consider request from Staffordshire District Association to hold a camping and caravanning club meet on the playing field. The Clerk explained that insurance and exemption certificates had been provided, but no references.

After further debate, it was RESOLVED that the request be refused.

- 7.2 **MUGA goal wall:** The Clerk explained this topic had been previously considered by PPMC, but more correctly was the remit of the KGV Trust. Various options for new surfacing been circulated and there was also a new quotation for astroturf. Artificial turf would be more durable but would require maintenance e.g. brushing when muddy. It was pointed out that wet pour is a safety surface which would take all the bounce away from balls.

It was RESOLVED that a quote for turf be requested, to include preparation by removing the old plastic matting and repairing the area, and that the Clerk be authorised to accept the quote provided it is less expensive than astroturf.

- 7.3 **School licence fees:** A response has been received over the summer from the Chair of Governors. The Clerk had written back, inviting the Chair of Governors to a meeting to discuss the matter, but had not heard further.

It was RESOLVED to contact the school again with an invitation to meet, noting that any future payments would be applied towards the arrears.

Cllr Gorst left the meeting at this juncture.

- 7.4 **Car park security:** Trustees were invited to discuss what type of enhanced security measures they had in mind. Removable bollards were suggested to control access by the pavilion and the gate. The need to maintain access for emergency vehicles was raised. Cllr Kirkby offered to contact the fire brigade.

It was RESOLVED that the site would benefit from better security and to seek advice from professionals on the options.

8. Pavilion

- 8.1 **Maintenance update:** The Clerk reported that the roof is at the end of its life and a roofer had been called out 3 times to repair roof leaks since the last meeting. It was suggested that the Trust should try to find an architect to advise and draw plans with simple changes to enhance the building such as improvements to doors, roof, and accessibility.

It was RESOLVED to try and find an architect to advise on improvements to the pavilion, and let the tenant know the topic is under discussion.

- 8.2 To discuss process for renewing the lease with Northleach Club Ltd. The Trust had been previously advised that the lease needs revisions and additions.

It was RESOLVED to start the process of writing a new lease.

9. Tennis Courts

Cllrs Ogden, Glynn and Morley-Blackwell had met with the Tennis Club committee in August to discuss the lease/licence for the tennis courts. The Club is looking for a long-term agreement. A management agreement may be an alternative to a lease or licence, and the Clerk would investigate.

10. Items for Future Meetings

The following items were noted: Pavilion Working Group, ash die back, Cricket store door to be added to PPMC.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Weds 22 February 2023, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____

Payment schedule

Invoice	Supplier	Service	Amount
23-Jun	Stephen Chilton	Fence repair	£ 33.00
15-Jul	Plumb Nation	Toilet seat	£ 43.69
20-Jul	United Gas & Power	electricity	£ 423.51
28-Jul	JM Roofing	Flat roof repair	£ 222.00
17-Aug	United Gas & Power	electricity	£ 475.33
31-Aug	United Gas & Power	electricity	£ 491.04
13-Sep	JM Roofing	Flat roof repair	£ 102.00
20-Sep	Mainpoint Fire	Fire extinguisher service	£ 158.40
26-Sep	Castle Water	Water rates	£ 625.87
06-Oct	United Gas & Power	electricity	£ 378.98
10-Oct	JM Roofing	Flat roof repair	£ 144.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 3,097.82

Note: Already paid unless marked *.