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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of

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Held at the Westwoods Centre on Wednesday 11 March 2026, 7:50pm

Present: Cllrs Terry Morley-Blackwell (Chairman), Valerie Glynn, Brian Hulcup, Caroline Saunders, Michael Seath and Andrew Wellman

In attendance: Pauline Rigby, Clerk to the Trust, and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Gina Blackwell, Byron Hadley, Laura Kirkby, Matt Jackson, Jules Russell.

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Public participation

There were no questions at this point in the meeting.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2026 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

5. Finances: –

(a) To approve the bank reconciliation to 28 February 2026.

It was RESOLVED that that the bank reconciliation be approved.

(b) To receive the budget monitoring report for the year to date.

The report was received.

(c) To approve payments made (schedule appended).

It was RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

Date	Supplier	Service	Amount
03-Feb-26	Castle Water	Water bill	£ 78.23
05-Feb-26	United Gas & Power	Electricity	£ 213.29
12-Feb-26	Water Irrigation Ltd	Hydrosure valve box	£ 32.49
27-Feb-26	Central Trees	Reducing trees over Pavilion	£ 744.00
03-Mar-26	Castle Water	Water bill	£ 63.94
05-Mar-26	United Gas & Power	Electricity	£ 192.91
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		**£ 1,324.86**

Already paid unless marked *

6. To note that insurer has declined to cover a pop-up food business operating from the Tea Room and determine further actions.

Cllr Morley-Blackwell provided an update. She, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Wellman and the Clerk had met with the insurance account manager earlier that day to discuss the outstanding issues. The small-scale, community-focused nature of business had been emphasized, and this information would be fed back to the underwriter. If the risk was accepted, the underwriter may come back with endorsements. The broker had chased the outstanding query with the underwriter and would also quote for a separate policy for the pavilion.

7. To consider request from Pizza Suprema to bring a mobile van to the car park.

It was RESOLVED to defer the matter until outstanding insurance queries have been resolved.

8. To consider quotation to cut back trees overhanging the playing field.

Cllr Wellman introduced this item and shared photos of the playing field showing how the tree canopy on the bank has grown and is shading the pitches. He had obtained a quotation to cut reduce trees and bushes by 30m to open the area to sunlight so it can be mowed instead of growing nettles.

The Clerk advised that Fin Regs expect additional quotes to be sourced for work of this value. Some members felt that the work was time sensitive, as it needed to be completed before the spring growth begins, and that the environmental impact would be lower if it went ahead now.

Cllr Wellman proposed to suspend the requirement to secure additional quotes and accept the quote from Central Trees of £2,232 inclusive of VAT. A proposal to be split the motions was put forward but was not agreed.

It was RESOLVED to suspend the requirement to secure additional quotations due to the time-sensitive nature of the work and accept the quotation from Central Trees of £2,232.

9. To consider quotation for further works to clear brash above the zip wire.

Further work had been suggested to restore areas that had previously been grass. It was agreed to source additional quotes.

10. To agree in principle to explore options for improving the condition of the playing field, including levelling, reseeding and maintenance, and authorise Cllr Wellman to make enquiries and obtain quotations for this work.

Cllr Wellman reported that some areas of high wear on the pitches need levelling and reseeding and possibly aeration to reduce compaction.

The Clerk recommended using the Football Foundation app to assess the pitch condition as this would open up funding opportunities.

It was RESOLVED to authorise Cllr Wellman to make enquiries and secure quotes. He was asked to produce a specification for the work first.

Cllr Wellman reported that the junior football club had asked whether one of the football pitches could be extended over part of the cricket wicket, which is not currently in use. It was noted that the area would need to be returned to cricket use if cricket was resumed. As there was expenditure involved, the Clerk suggested that the matter could be dealt with as an operational item.

11. To receive items for future meetings: (note: no decisions under this item).

Already noted: car park fencing.

To be added: Tennis Club.

12. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Weds 20 May 2026, unless required sooner.

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

Signature of Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____