North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust held at the Bowling Club, North Petherton on 20th January 2015

Present. Trustees : Cllr Mrs M Denham Chairman

In Attendance Mr R Latham Clerk

The meeting commenced at 9:00 pm

PF01/2015 Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Wassell, Cllr Mrs A Hodges, Cllr Mrs W Darch, Cllr W Revans, Cllr D Parry and Cllr D Edwards

PF02/2015 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July were approved as a correct record.

PF03/2015 Matters arising
There was a brief discussion about the issue of placing advertising material on the fence around the Memorial Playing Fields, but no changes to current policies were agreed.

PF04/2015 Community Time
There were no members of the public present.

PF05/2015 Bank Account and Financial Procedures
The Clerk presented a report on financial procedures and the advised the meeting that a separate bank account was being set up by the Council for Trust matters.
Resolved: that the report be agreed.

PF06/2015 Signage
Trustees considered the provision of new signs for the Memorial Playing Fields and Parkersfield.
Resolved: that new signs be provided at the Memorial Playing Fields, Parkersfield and North Newton, and that they make clear that they are used by members of the public at their own risk.

PF07/2015 Playgrounds Development – Progress
The Chairman informed the meeting of the progress that had been made by the Management Committee to deliver new facilities in the Playing Fields. Around £29,000 was likely to be available from RLT2 funding, whilst the overall cost of the planned new facilities for older children and improvements to the young children's play area in Parkersfield was estimated to cost over £100,000. The Committee was, therefore, planning a number of fund raising activities, including a Party in the Park in September as well as submitting applications to grant aiding bodies. Arising from the report, it was:
Resolved that the Committee be authorised to submit the necessary planning and grant applications on behalf of the Trust.
PF08/2015 Parkersfield
Issues with the flying of “drones” over the fields were discussed, but it was recognised that the Trust’s ability to control this was limited. It was also noted that the hedges were in need of trimming.

PF09/2015 Memorial Playing Fields
The Clerk reported that the recently replaced fence panel behind the goals had been broken again, and it was also noted that the trees needed pruning. **Resolved** that the fence panel be removed and not replaced, and that the grounds contractor be asked to look at the matter of the trees.

PF010/2015 Access Lane
The Clerk reported on a suggestion that speed bumps should be placed on the access road to Parkersfield. There was concern over the possible legal complications, and the Clerk was asked to investigate further.

PF11/2015 Claim for compensation
A claim for compensation had been received from a person exercising her dog at Parkersfield. After due consideration it was: **Resolved** that, whilst the Trust did accept any liability with regards to people using the public open space, on this occasion it was prepared to reimburse the cost involved.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm