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 17th March 2015, commencing on the rising of the Planning Meeting of the Town Council at 8:45 pm.

Present. Trustees : Cllr Mrs M Denham Chairman
Cllr A Bradford, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr D Edwards, Cllr Mrs W Darch, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr P Knight, Cllr D Parry, Cllr W Revans, Cllr Mrs A Hodges and Cllr P Spencer.

In Attendance Mr R Latham Clerk and several members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 9:00 pm

PF12/2015 Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Wassell and Cllr J Taylor

PF13/2015 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

PF14/2015 Matters arising
There was a brief discussion about the ownership of the access lane to Parkersfield – minute PF10/2015

PF15/2015 Community Time
The matter of locating a new scout hut on Parkersfield was raised. It was suggested that, if this were a realistic proposition, then it should be referred to the Management Committee for more detailed evaluation. It was pointed out that this was only a discussion item at this stage and a number of options were being thought about. The flying of drones from Parkersfield was raised, with a view to the Trust taking some action to prevent it. It was felt that the Trust had limited powers in this area, but the matter could be investigated in more detail if this were felt to be necessary.

PF16/2015 Plans for new facilities
Mr Farnell, of the Management Committee, updated the meeting on the plans to provide new play equipment. Quotations had been received for new infant and junior play areas and for BMX provision, and applications for grants were being submitted to Viridor and the Hinkley Point Community Impact Mitigation Fund. It was also hoped that the Council would provide additional support.

Resolved: a) that the Council be asked for a one off grant of £10 to £15,000 towards the initial costs, and for a commitment to provide funds to meet on-going maintenance costs;

b) that Mr N Coram be appointed to act as agent to apply for the necessary planning approvals.
PF17/2015 Scout Hut
The Mayor outlined the need to help to find a site for a new scout hut in the town, and explained that a number of options were being looked at. He stressed that nothing would be done that would have a detrimental impact on the playing fields or without full consultation with all those involved.

PF18/2015 Memorial Playing Fields
Current issues at the Memorial Playing Fields were discussed. **Resolved:** that the Management Committee be asked to look at problems around the goal mouth.

PF19/2015 Other Areas.
Although Parkersfield and the Memorial sites were the only ones within the purview of the Trust, it was felt important that other areas should not lose out in any way because of this. **Resolved:** that, at the appropriate time, the legal and practical implications of providing new or improved facilities in the area be looked into.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm