

# **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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Present. Trustees : Cllr Mrs M Denham Chairman  
Cllr A Bradford, Cllr Mrs H Phillips, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr M Goodland, Cllr J Hesketh, and Cllr P Spencer.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Perkersfield 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

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