



# ***Kington Recreation Ground Trust***

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## **Minutes of a meeting of Kington Recreation Trust held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Sell – Chair  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr. R. Banks  
Cllr. B. Bishop  
Cllr. N Cornish  
Cllr. M. Fitton  
Cllr. E. Rolls  
Cllr. R. Widdowson  
Cllr M. Woolford

**In attendance:** Liz Kelso – Town Clerk  
Ruth Robinson - Assistant Clerk.

### **047/25      Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

There were no apologies, declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

## **048/25       Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, which had been previously circulated, were accepted and the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

## **049/25       Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report for information purposes was noted. It was agreed that procedures to respond to requests relating to use of the recreation ground outside of scheduled meetings would be considered at the next meeting.

## **050/25       Recreation Ground Matters**

### **a) Tree works**

Following on from the results of the tree safety survey considered at the last meeting, members considered quotations for work identified in the survey as being required within the next three months. Quotations had been submitted by two contractors, although others had been approached. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the quotation from Whittall & Co. Tree Services at a cost of £7,100.00, with a request that the tree surgeon comments on the overall health of one tree when undertaking the work.

### **b) Footpath repairs**

The Assistant Clerk reported that the work on repairs to the public right of way/footpath in the Recreation Ground should start in October.

### **c) Cottage insurance**

The Clerk reported that as the cottage is no longer occupied, some restrictions and limitations on cover have been imposed by insurers and there is a requirement for weekly inspections of the property, currently being undertaken by the Assistant Clerk. Inspections will be carried out by councillors during the Assistant Clerk's annual leave.

### **d) Trust Deed Reinstatement**

As noted at the last meeting, reinstatement of the Trust Deed, the original having been mislaid some years ago, will be required before further action on the sale of the cottage can be carried out. Quotations have been requested from several

local and national law firms but only one received to date at a cost of £850 approximately for the first stage of this work. After due consideration, it was agreed that the quotation from Wellers Law Group be accepted and instructions given to begin work on this.

**e) Cottage Deposit Recovery**

Cllr. Woolford reported that this is currently in hand.

**051/25      Crooked Well Meadow**

**a) Update on staffing matters**

The Clerk reported that on a temporary basis existing ground staff will cover basic maintenance/cover for Crooked Well with a view to reviewing this after a few months.

**b) Play Equipment Safety Inspection**

The initial safety inspection of the play equipment at Crooked Well has now been completed with no items identified for immediate action. Some minor repairs are recommended and the Assistant Clerk is obtaining quotes for this work. It was agreed that a working party be set up by Cllrs. E. Banks, P. Sell and the Assistant Clerk, accompanied by the groundsman if possible, to conduct a walk around to review other recommendations contained within the inspection and identify any other work required on that site.

**c) Grass Cutting Contract**

As noted in the previous meeting, additional quotations have been requested for grass cutting at Crooked Well with only one additional contractor willing to provide a quote. Having considered both, it was agreed that the quotation from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance be accepted at an anticipated annual cost of £2,700.00 (plus VAT).

**d) Insurance arrangements**

The Clerk confirmed that the site is now covered by the Town Council insurances with an additional charge of £294.94 for the remainder of the current year.

052/2025      **Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5.00pm in the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.