



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6.00pm on Monday 14th May 2018 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

Present: Cllr. M. Fitton (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. T. Bounds
Cllr. J. Dennis
Cllr. C. Forrester
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

In attendance: Liz Kelso Clerk

045/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Councillors R. Banks, L. Rees and P. Prior.

046/18 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.

047/18 **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018**

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2018 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

048/18 **Clerk's Report**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item that was not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

049/18 **Financial Matters**

Cllr. Fitton reported that an extension has been granted to the Landfill funding so that the first claim is now required in June this year

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050/18 **Resolution to exclude the public**

It was resolved that members of the public in attendance, if any, be excluded for the duration of this agenda item on the grounds that discussions were likely to include commercially sensitive material.

051/18 **Kington Cricket Club**

Members noted correspondence from Kington Cricket Club with regard to the requested lease of the cricket pitch and guidance from the Charity Commission on treatment of short leases of charity owned land. It was agreed to meet again with the Cricket Club to discuss the way forward. In the meantime the Clerk will provide a copy of the current Charity Commission guidance to all Members.

The meeting then returned to public session.

052/18 **Community Asset Transfers**

Cllr. Fitton gave an update on progress of negotiations on the transfer of public open spaces to the Trust, noting some uncertainties with regard to the areas forming the land at Kington Park. Herefordshire Council have appointed a new officer to deal with the transfer and they are also waiting for guidance from the developers with regard to covenants and overage linked to their original acquisition of that land. It was noted that an approach has been made by a resident who is currently voluntarily maintaining a small strip of inaccessible land adjacent to his home and who is happy to continue to do so. It was agreed that there can be no confirmation of this until the land is in the ownership of the Trust.

With regard to the two other sites, these appear now to be in a position to be transferred and we await documentation from the solicitor for consideration.

No further progress has been made on the transfer of the small triangle of land off Crooked Well as it was felt prudent to wait until there is further news on the transfer of Crooked Well itself. However, it was proposed by Cllr. Rolls and seconded by Cllr. Forrester that the Trust agrees in principle to take the small triangle of land as identified in the meeting and to accept

all costs in connection with this transfer which are estimated to be in the region of £250.00. The resolution was agreed.

053/18 **Tree Report**

A tree survey carried out on behalf of the Trust identified 4 trees that need work – two limes, one oak and a sycamore – are not considered immediate hazards but should be attended to as a priority. It was agreed that quotes be obtained from tree surgeons for consideration at a later meeting. It was further agreed that Members forward details of suggested tree surgeons to the Clerk as soon as possible.

It was further agreed to ask that the tree at the bottom end of the Recreation Ground which appears to be on Sargeant's land to be reviewed as well as there is some concern that it may fall into the River or onto the Recreation Ground.

054/18 **Equipment Maintenance**

It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for appropriate annual servicing and maintenance of the mower, strimmer and leaf blower in consultation with Cllr. Ian Wood-Johnson.

055/18 **Next Agenda**

The following items were raised for discussion at the next meeting:

- Proposals for the use of the grant funding from Derbyshire Environmental Trust
- Litter
- Use of the Recreation Ground for events

056/18 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Monday 4th June at 6.00pm at the Old Police Station.

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