



# Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6.00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.**

**Present:** Cllr. M. Fitton (Chair)  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr. F. Hawkins  
Cllr. R. MacCurrach  
Cllr. L Rees  
Cllr E Rolls  
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

**In attendance:** Liz Kelso Clerk  
Mary Tolhurst Assistant to the Clerk

### 068/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Councillor R. Banks. Cllr T Bounds, Cllr. J. Dennis Cllr. P. Prior Cllr. C. Forrester, Cllr. R. Widdowson and Cllr Atkinson.

### 069/18 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

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

### 070/18 **Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

**071.1 Update on proposals for work on Recreation Ground and other public open spaces funded through grant funding****Crooked Well Meadow**

Cllr E Banks suggested that initial improvements at the Crooked Well area be to the pathways / accessways only and include:

- i. a simple gravel path in the Crooked Well area, smooth enough for push chairs
- ii. some contouring work on the path from Three Hedges Lane to make it less steep
- iii. some contouring on part of the gradient on the triangle of land that Mr Lewis has agreed to donate, in order to make this less steep

As this land remains in Herefordshire Council ownership, Cllr. Banks confirmed that:

- i. That the plans will need approval from Herefordshire Council before the work can be started
- ii. The work must be carried out by an approved Contractor.
- iii. Work can be started on the privately owned parcel of land as soon as it has been acquired.

These proposals were generally agreed and it was further agreed that the parcel of land currently in private ownership be transferred to the Recreation Ground Trust as soon as possible. A budget of £200.00 has been agreed for any legal fees involved in this transfer. As soon as the land is in the ownership of the Trust, quotes can be obtained for the work agreed.

Exploring further ideas of work at this location included:

- i. Providing a fenced off area as a dog run,
- ii. creating an environmental area with bug houses, bird boxes and information boards
- iii. creating access to the river
- iv. more frequent mowing of a larger area of the site to discourage dog mess and to keep it generally tidier.

All were in favour of involving the local community in further planning of ideas: it was suggested that a public meeting be called once the Green Spaces transfer was to go ahead.

**Recreation Ground**

Cllr E Banks suggested that initial improvements at the Recreation Ground area are to the pathways and include a variety of hard surfaces to improve and widen the path from the gate to the river, for pushchairs and wheelchairs although work is also needed on the boundary fence by the caravan site. This was generally agreed and

Cllrs. Fitton, Banks and Wood-Johnson were authorised to discuss this further with Sargents bus company.

The Clerk confirmed:

- The term “Tarmac Grant” and “Landfill Grant” were used to describe the same funding source
- Delays in the transfer of the land to the Trust have resulted from protracted negotiations and delays from the contract initially being drawn up in the wrong name, and
- The grant funding is time limited so work will need to start before the transfer takes place but that this had been agreed with Herefordshire Council.

**71.2 To agree budget for preparing detailed plans for initial work.**

It was agreed that a budget of £100.00 be set for plans to be drawn up for the envisaged work. This is a cost that can be set against the grant funding.

**072/18 Payments**

A payment of £144.00 for the provision of temporary cover for the Recreation Ground was agreed.

**073/18 Recreation Ground Hire Agreement**

It was agreed that a charging strategy for the Recreation Ground is needed and will be discussed at a later meeting. In the meantime the Clerk has revised the Hiring Agreement to reflect changes required under the General Data Protection Regulations and as produced to the meeting. The revised format was agreed.

**074/18 Date of next meeting and items for the agenda**

The next meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm at the Old Police Station.

The following items were agreed for the next agenda:

- Hiring Charges for the Recreation Ground
- Provision of sanitary bin service for the toilets
- Update on the acquisition of the triangle of land at Crooked Well Meadow
- Vandalism in the toilets in the Recreation Ground

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