



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6.00pm on Monday 6th August 2018 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

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

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

075/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. J. Atkinson, R. Banks, C. Forrester, L. Rees and R. Widdowson

076/18 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

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

077/18

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 2nd July 2018

Noting that Cllr. Rolls had offered apologies for the last meeting which had not been recorded and subject to the correction of a typographical error in Minute 71.1, it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held 2nd July 2018 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

078/18

Trees

078.1 To consider quotations for work on the Recreation Ground

The Clerk presented quotations obtained for work on the trees at the Recreation Ground as identified by the tree survey. Three tree surgeons had been invited to quote but it was noted that only two had done so. It was further noted that one tree surgeon had noted a fungus on the Red Oak and recommended felling the tree; a course of action subsequently confirmed as appropriate by the arborist. It was agreed to defer a decision on this item in order to give the second tree surgeon time to consider a quote for felling the Red Oak.

078.2 Work on the trees on the river bank

A request from the Cricket Club to undertake work on trees on the river bank behind the Cricket Pavilion was noted. It was proposed by Cllr. Rolls and seconded by Cllr. Bounds that this proposal be agreed. After discussion it was agreed that permission be granted for this work by the Cricket Club provided that evidence of appropriate insurance cover for the work is provided to Trust.

079/18

Contract for sanitary waste disposal

This item was deferred pending clarification of the quotations received and to obtain advice from Herefordshire Council on the service employed by them for the toilets in Place des Marines.

080/18

Repair to handwash units

The Clerk presented options for the repair and servicing of the handwash units in the toilets, noting that the unit in the ladies toilet is not working. After consideration of the options provided by the original manufacturers, it was agreed that an annual service contract for both units incorporating two service visits per year is the preferred option at a cost of £612 per annum plus initial repair of the units to bring them up to service standard. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to commence this contract.

081/18

Vandalism Report

Members noted the report of some vandalism in the toilet block which is being reported to the police.

081/18 **Play Surface**

It was noted that there has been some shrinkage of the play service installed last year. The contractor has inspected this and will effect repairs as soon as possible. The Clerk will advise when this is done.

082/18 **Grant Funding and associated works**

The Mayor reported that he, the Clerk and Cllr. E. Banks had met with the representative from Tarmac who had originally agreed to provide materials for the footpaths to be funded through the Derbyshire Environmental Trust grant. Although not now directly responsible for such matters, he has agreed to contact the appropriate person who will be able to confirm what materials and/or other support might be available. In the meantime, Cllr. Banks will draw up a specification for the paths so that the project can be costed for consideration at the next Trust meeting.

The Mayor and Clerk have also had an informal discussion with Mr. Sargeant regarding the fencing between the Recreation Ground and the bus company premises who has confirmed that although the original fencing was erected by Sargeants, they did not consider it to be their fence. He would be happy to consider contributing towards a replacement fence and suggested a solid larch lap fence with concrete posts would be appropriate to screen the buses from members of the public using the Recreation Ground, and vice versa. Noting comments about securing fence panels to prevent them being removed, Cllr. Rolls agreed to draw up a specification so that quotations can be obtained for consideration at the next Trust meeting. It was confirmed that fencing can be undertaken using the grant funding.

Finally Members were reminded that this funding is time limited and this project needs progressing rapidly.

083/18 **Land at Crooked Well**

The Clerk reported on progress to transfer the small parcel of land at Crooked Well which has been a little slower than anticipated due to the ill health of the donor and the difficulties that the donor has had finding the deeds. Herefordshire Council, who were the original landowners, may have a copy and have been asked to research their files.

084/18 **Acquisition of public open space at Morgans Orchard and Crooked Well**

The Clerk reported that as a result of the time taken since the first consideration of the proposal to acquire the public open space at Morgans Orchard and Crooked Well, Herefordshire Council now require a formal confirmation of the agreement to proceed.

After due consideration, it was confirmed that Kington Recreation Ground Trust agrees to accept the Public Open Space in Morgans Orchard and at Crooked Well as outlined in the map produced to the meeting under a Community Asset Transfer from Herefordshire Council.

085/18 **Staff Training**

It was noted that a strimmer training course has been agreed for the Groundsman and will be booked by the Clerk once the Groundsman has confirmed he is available on the required dates.

A request for training in the use of chemicals was also noted but deferred until further consideration of the type of training required can be ascertained.

086/18 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd September at 6.00pm at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington. There were no items raised for the agenda other than those noted earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.00pm