



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6pm on Monday 4th March 2019 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

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

In attendance: Liz Kelso, Clerk
Mary Tolhurst, Assistant

035/19 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. R. Banks, C. Forrester, P. Prior and Cllr T. Bounds.

036/19 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

There were no Declarations of Interest and no requests of Dispensation.

037/19

Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 4th February 2019

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

038/19

Clerk's Report

The Clerk made a verbal report. Due to leave of absence, the specification for the work on the Recreation Ground cottage and some of the follow-up on the Derbyshire Trust Funding had not been completed. This was now in hand but not available yet.

The Cricket Club have requested a meeting to discuss the term of their lease of the Pavilion. It was agreed that a Task and Finish Group consisting of Cllrs Rolls, Wood-Johnson, Fitton and Elizabeth Banks would meet to discuss this and bring it back to the next Recreation Ground Trust meeting.

039/19

Health and Safety

The Groundsman has reported another increase in anti-social behaviour. The Police are aware of this and names have been suggested.

Members expressed concern over the lack of support for disaffected youth and it was agreed that it would be useful to find out what type of support, if any, was available locally.

040/19

Update on current projects

a) **Footpath work around toilet block on Recreation Ground.**

The Clerk reported that this would be starting in a few days' time

b) **Additional footpath on Crooked Well Meadow**

The Clerk was happy to report that this work had been completed.

c) **Fencing within the Recreation Ground.**

The contractor has made a start on clearing the site and the fence should be in place within a couple of days.

d) **Additional play equipment**

Although approved at the last meeting, the contractor has indicated that there is an 8 week lead time for delivery of the equipment which would make this funded project overrun. Confirmation that this is acceptable is awaited from Derbyshire Environmental Trust before the formal order is placed for this equipment.

e) **Refurbishment of the toilet block**

A specification will be drawn up for this so that quotes can be obtained.

f) **Footpath work on Eastern access to Crooked Well Meadow**

The specification for this project will be drawn up as soon as Derbyshire Environmental Trust has confirmed that the project deadline can be extended.

g) **Work on Recreation Ground Cottage**

The specification for this project will be drawn up as soon as more detail of the required works is available.

041/19 **Update on Community Asset Transfers of green spaces**

The Asset Transfer working party reported on a meeting with Herefordshire Council earlier to discuss the transfer of green spaces and other matters. Councillors and Clerk had clarified that:

- The Trust has resolved that it would not accept responsibility for the footpath alongside Crooked Well Meadow.
- The licences for the footpath work at Crooked Well Meadow is to be completed

In discussing the proposed transfer of a plot of land at Morgans Orchard, it was clear that there is a need for further review. This land had not been requested by the Town Council and it is unclear who is currently maintaining the site. This would be discussed further at a later meeting once the current position is clear.

042/19 **To consider quotes for work on trees in the Recreation Ground**

Members noted that recent windy weather has led to two trees having fallen into the Recreation Ground, one of which was from across the River.

The Clerk presented a quotation from the Trust's tree surgeon to make these fallen trees save, leaving the main trunk for community use, indicating a price of £450.00 per tree or £650.00 if both are completed at the same time. After due consideration, it was agreed that in the interests of safety, the quotation be accepted. The Clerk was advised to notify the tree surgeon accordingly and to notify the landowner of the tree from across the river and request a donation towards the cost.

It was also noted that whilst on site, the tree surgeon had recommended that the tulip tree be pollarded as some branches appear unsafe. Planning consent would be required for this work and a quotation of £850.00 for this work, to include removal of all arisings. After due consideration, the quotation was accepted and the Clerk instructed to notify the tree surgeon accordingly and request that planning consent be sought for this work.

043/19 **To consider proposal for play area inspection for 2019**

It was agreed to appoint contractor Parks and Playgrounds to undertake the annual play area inspection for this year at a cost of £58.60+VAT.

044/19 **Items for the next agenda**

The following items were requested to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Vandalism in the Recreation Ground
- Fencing from the gate to the camping ground to the river
- Land at Morgan's Orchard
- Toilet Block refurbishment
- Meeting with Kington Cricket Club
- Repairs to Recreation Ground Cottage

045/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 1st April at 6.00pm in the Old Police Station.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.50pm