



Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held at 6pm on Monday 1st April 2019 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.

Present: Cllr. M. Fitton (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr T. Bounds (agenda item 8 onwards)
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson
Cllr I Wood-Johnson

In attendance: Liz Kelso, Clerk
Mary Tolhurst, Assistant

046/19 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. R. Banks, C. Forrester, P. Prior, J. Atkinson and J. Dennis.

047/19 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

Cllr E Banks and Cllr Hawkins declared non-disclosable Interests in agenda item 10, parking for the Food Festival, as members of the Chamber of Trade. There were no requests for Dispensation.

048/19 **Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 4th March 2019**

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

049/19 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was noted.

050/19 **Health and Safety**

The Groundsman had reported offensive graffiti defacing the black shelter. He had informed the Police and was in the process of removing it. Members discussed the situation and it was agreed that Crimestoppers should be informed, as well as the Police. The Clerk will discuss the situation with the police.

It was noted that the alarm in the disabled toilet appears to be out of action. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for this to be repaired urgently as a health and safety issue under delegated powers.

051/19 **Update on grant funding from Derbyshire Environmental Trust**

The Clerk reminded members of the original terms of the funding application, ie, an agreed amount of money per site, for specific projects. She has been in negotiation with the Derbyshire Trust and as a result of these negotiations, the Derbyshire Trust has agreed to re-allocate some of the monies from the Kington Park and Crooked Well Meadow sites to the Recreation Ground and to extend the project deadline for the Crooked Well Meadow site to September 2019.

052/19 **Update on current projects**

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

This has been completed.

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

This was reported as completed at the March meeting.

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

This has been completed.

d) **Additional play equipment**

This is now on order with an expected delivery before June.

e) **Refurbishment of the toilet block**

Still awaiting the specification to be drawn up.

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

Now the project deadline extension has been confirmed, the specification for this project can be drawn up.

g) **Work on Recreation Ground Cottage**

Still awaiting the specification to be drawn up.

053/19 **To consider proposal for further fencing replacement within the Recreation Ground**

This proposal refers to the additional fencing running between the Recreation Ground and Arrow Bank campsite, between the interconnecting gateway and the riverbank. Following the reallocation of funding from the Derbyshire Grant, it was noted that some funding is available to offset the cost of this project.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hawkins and seconded by Cllr Wood-Johnson that a palisade fence be constructed from the gate towards the river, with the remaining 10 – 15m of the fence of a post and wire construction to facilitate wildlife access. It was further agreed that the palisade fencing match the newly constructed fencing and standing orders requiring competitive quotes be suspended on the grounds that the tendering exercise for the newly constructed fencing was carried out within the last few weeks. The quotation from that contractor, a total cost of £4,300, was agreed. Finally it was noted that in accepting this quotation, funding of £2,200 is available from grant funding through Derbyshire Environmental Trust resulting in a commitment of £2,100 from Recreation Ground reserves.

054/19 **To consider purchase of petrol pressure washer**

This has been requested by the Groundsman to assist with cleaning the surface in the play area which are becoming slippery due to algae / moss growth.

After some discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision on the purchase of this equipment pending advice from the contractor who installed the surface to confirm that no damage was

likely from the use of a pressure washer. In the meantime, quotations would be obtained for a one off clean of the surface by a suitable contractor up to a budget price of £500.00 on the basis that the slippery surface now represents a safety hazard for children using the play area.

055/19 **To consider request for parking on the Recreation Ground for Food Festival**

Cllr. E. Banks and Cllr. F. Hawkins declared a non declarable interest in this agenda item as members of the Chamber of Trade. It was agreed that parking be permitted for the duration of the Food Festival in June, as requested.

56/19 **To receive update on work on trees within the Recreation Ground and consider quote for further work as a result of a further tree falling**

The Recreation Ground Trust had previously agreed a quotation from the tree surgeon to make the two fallen trees safe (Minute ref: 042-19) at an agreed cost. Since then, a third tree has fallen. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to accept the quote of an additional £150 + VAT to include this third tree in the work to be undertaken by the tree surgeon. Some of the cut trees would be left in situ, after making safe, for children to play on.

057/19 **To consider training request by Clerk/Trust Administrator**

It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to complete a webinar on the management of Charitable Trusts by the Society of Local Council Clerks, at a cost of £60.00 plus VAT.

058/19 **Items for the next agenda**

The following item was requested to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Toilet Block refurbishment

059/19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY 15th May** at 6.00pm in the Old Police Station.

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