



# Kington Recreation Ground Trust

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.**

**Present:** Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr T. Bennett  
Cllr. T. Bounds  
Cllr. P. Edwards  
Cllr. R. Griffiths  
Cllr. M. Fitton  
Cllr I Wood-Johnson

**In attendance:** Liz Kelso, Clerk

### 060/19 **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. R. Banks and J. Dennis.

### 061/19 **Declarations of Interests and requests for dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.

062/19            **Minutes of the Trust meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

063/19            **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report as attached to these Minutes was noted.

064/19            **Health and Safety**

There were no incidents to report since the last meeting. However, some concern was expressed that the logs which had been agreed would be left for children to climb on might be hazardous and were not in an ideal location. It was agreed that the Clerk seek advice from the playground inspector about recommended practice.

065/19            **Recreation Ground Management Group**

**a) Recreation Ground Management Group**

The Recreation Ground Management Group was agreed as:

- Cllr. E. Banks
- Cllr. T. Bounds
- Cllr. E. Rolls
- Cllr. R. Griffiths
- Cllr. M. Fitton
- Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

**b) Management Group Terms of Reference**

It was agreed that this would be reviewed by the Management Group and referred back to the Trust with recommendations.

065/19            **Proposal to exclude the public**

It was agreed that members of the press and public be excluded from the next two agenda items on the grounds that the discussions are likely to include commercially sensitive information and/or may be of a personal nature. The resolution was passed unanimously.

066/19            **Kington Cricket Club**

A report from Cllr. Fitton and the Clerk was noted. It was agreed to seek further clarification from the Charities Commission on the proposals put forward by the Cricket

Club and invite Club representatives to a meeting with the Trust once the views of the Charities Commission are known.

067/19            **Recreation Ground Cottage**

Members noted a verbal report from the Clerk.

It was agreed to seek quotations for a full survey of the property with a view to identifying necessary work required. It was also agreed to seek guidance from the Charities Commission.

068/19            **Update on grant funding from Derbyshire Environmental Trust**

The Clerk noted that one payment has now been received from Derbyshire Environmental Trust and she would be submitting claims for further work in due course.

069/19            **Update on current projects**

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

Cllr. Banks reported that the final section of fencing has now been completed although due to a miscalculation on length of the fence, the final result is that the palisade fencing extends beyond what was originally envisaged.

b) **Additional play equipment**

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

c) **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.

Cllr. Wood-Johnson left the meeting at 7.00pm

070/19            **Financial Matters**

a) **To review banking arrangements**

Following a recent safeguarding survey by HSBC, some dissatisfaction was expressed at the handling of this by HSBC. This, coupled with HSBC's inability to provide online banking with sufficient security to meet our financial regulations, it was proposed that the accounts for the Recreation Ground Trust be moved to Unity Bank. Noting that this would result in a charge of £6.00 per month, it was felt the security offered by Unity Bank, ease of use online and good customer service represents good value for money.

After due consideration, it was agreed to move the bank accounts of Kington Recreation Ground Trust to Unity Bank, with a separate dedicated account but within the portfolio of Kington Town Council.

b) Review of Cheque Signatories

It was agreed to retain current cheque signatories until the accounts have been moved to Unity Bank but from then onwards, the following would be authorised to sign cheques and orders for payment on behalf of Kington Recreation Ground Trust:

- Cllr. Elizabeth Banks
- Cllr. Martin Fitton
- Cllr. Bob Widdowson

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

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

- Kington Cricket Club

059/19            **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019** at 6.00pm in the Old Police Station.

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