



## Slindon Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Slindon Parish Council

#### As Sole Managing Trustee of the Recreation Ground Charity

Held at Slindon Coronation Hall, Reynolds Lane, Slindon BN18 0QZ.

On Monday 13 December 2021 at 8.26 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Jan Rees (Chairman), Barbara Brimblecombe, Derek Thomas, Peter Fenton and Patrick Saintas.

**In attendance:**

Sarah Linfield BSc (Hons), CiLCA (Parish Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer)

**35. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Saintas declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5(iii), as a resident of Mill Road, living directly opposite the tree in question - the outcome of the discussion is minuted under 39 (iii).

**36. Apologies for Absence**

Not applicable, all members present.

**37. Public Participation**

None.

**38. Minutes from the Council Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

It was **Resolved** - to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record of the decisions of the meeting and the Chairman be authorised to sign them.

**39. Pavilion Works**

i. **Progress Report**

Certificate awaited to evidence the electrical works completed.

The Clerk was meeting with Martin Bailey to undertake the water temperature checks on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

ii. **Gas Boiler Service**

It was **Resolved** – to appoint Paine Manwaring to undertake a service at a cost of £90+VAT.

Councillor Saintas left the meeting.

iii. **Trees at the Recreation Ground**

The Council had taken advice on the issue identified with regards the large turkey oak at the Recreation Ground on the boundary with Mill Road, and the debris it produces blocking the gutters of the houses opposite. It had been informed that although there was some scope for shortening branch tips on that side of the crown



the overall beneficial effects on the houses would be minimal - the tree being so tall that there would be no real increase in light levels and the amount of leaves ending in the gardens would not be noticeably different. Further, if branch tips are shortened on that side (by up to 2-3m) regrowth from dormant buds will be multi-stemmed and bushy so any benefits will be fairly short lived. The regrowth will be potentially weakly attached, particularly as it increases in size, so regular pruning would then be necessary to manage the regrowth. The annual tree survey is due in February 2022 and

It was **Resolved** – to instruct the Clerk to obtain quotes for the survey and that specific recommendations would be sought from the appointed contractor.

Councillor Saintas re-joined the meeting and was informed of the decision.

**40. Clerk's Update**

No additional information to share.

**41. Date of Next Meeting**

Confirmed as Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to follow the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated