



Slindon Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary 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 11th July 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Jan Rees (as Meeting Chair) and Councillors Barbara Brimblecombe, Derek Thomas, Peter Fenton and Patrick Saintas.

In attendance:

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

Trevor Bence West Sussex County Councillor (Fontwell Division)

Katie Archer, Lead Ranger, National Trust

Martin Bailey, Chair of Slindon Sports Association.

1 member of the public

22. Declarations of Interest

None to declare.

23. Apologies for Absence

None, all members present.

24. Public Participation

Martin Bailey spoke in his capacity as Chair of Slindon Sports Association to introduce Project Newland – refer Annex A.

Martin shared a vision to transform the existing facilities to create a community hub/centre, possibly as 2-storey building using the existing footprint. The project is in its very early stages and the Sports Association wished to work closely with both the Parish Council and the Community and it was envisaged funding would come from grants. Councillor Bence advocated taking advice from the Planning Department at the South Downs National Park Authority in the earliest possible stages of the project.

25. Minutes from the Recreation Ground Charity Meeting of 13th June 2022

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

26. Pavilion Works

i. Project Newland

Councillors were supportive of the principles of improvement and the Clerk, who also undertook to look at other local sports pavilions which had recently been refurbished, and designated Councillors could form a working party to create a business plan as the first step. The pavilion is as an asset of the Recreation Ground Charity of which the Parish Council is the sole managing trustee so it must therefore be consulted on and approve any proposed changes.



ii. **Licence Requirements**

A copy of the insurance cover held by Barnham Trojans FC to July 2022 had been received and evidence of the new football policies would be provided as soon as the underwriter had issued them.

iii. **West Sussex County Council Repairs Team**

Martin Bailey was in direct contact with the team to organise the re-painting of the pavilion.

iv. **New Commemorative Bench and Replacement Plaque.**

It was **Resolved** –

- a. To purchase a commemorative bench to be placed near the football pitch, part funded by the National Lottery Grant and £300 donation (club members via Slindon Sports Association) through Cyan Limited at a cost of £452.08 net of VAT.
- b. To purchase a new plaque for the Cameron Rowell memorial tree at a cost of circa. £41.

27. **Clerk's Update**

Nothing additional to report.

28. **Date of Next Meeting**

Confirmed as Monday 8th August 2022, to follow the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 7 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated

Annex A - INTRODUCING PROJECT NEWLAND.

1. **Introduction.** Project Newland is named after Slindon's most famous cricketer Richard Newland who was 'the most famous player in England'¹. The project is a collaborative endeavour lead by the Slindon Sports Association, with the support of Slindon Cricket Club, Football and Stool Ball Clubs, to enhance the sporting infrastructure in the village and ensure that it will benefit both existing users and future generations.
2. **Aim.** This note is designed to formally inform the Parish Council of the project, to ensure propriety and transparency.
3. **Current facilities.**

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Newland_\(cricketer\)#:~:text=In%20the%201740s%2C%20Richard%20Newland,he%20used%20the%20underarm%20style.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Newland_(cricketer)#:~:text=In%20the%201740s%2C%20Richard%20Newland,he%20used%20the%20underarm%20style.)



- a. The project team fully acknowledge the resources that the Parish Council and Sports Association have invested in the current pavilion to ensure that it meets statutory and legal requirements; this project aims to build upon this work. It is also recognised that, whilst other sites in the village could be considered for the Slindon Cricket club to ‘start afresh’– an initial straw poll strongly indicated retention of the geographical status quo; acknowledging we are fortunate to have the use of established pitches and playing fields on the Recreation Ground.
- b. Notwithstanding the functionality and compliance of the current facilities, the requirement to ensure that the facilities are future-proofed remains; especially, in terms of safeguarding, energy efficiency, accessibility and of providing a sporting venue that offers refreshments, a meeting place during the sporting calendar, that is open to the wider community. We have already had some interest amongst cycling groups and there is the possibility of a tennis court too.
4. **Going Forward.** Project Newland will now look at options to enhance the physical infrastructure supporting sport in Slindon. This work will, where possible, be undertaken on a *pro-bono* basis and will include re-design and development options and planning considerations. Concurrently opportunities for funding, specifically from the private sector and other collaborations will be investigated. As many of the necessary building elements are already in place and could be integrated into a renovated structure this may mean that the construction and labour costs would be less than a new build.
5. **The landscape in 2031.** 2031 marks the tri-centenary of cricket being played in Slindon, we are the only village (globally) to boast such lineage to this beautiful game. Project Newland aims to transform the existing pavilion into one that can be enjoyed by all, whilst creating a platform for sport in the village to grow and thrive and, in time, to perhaps celebrate a quad-centenary!

Martin Bailey
Slindon Sports Association

Edward Moorhouse
Slindon Cricket Club