



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 13th February 2023 at 8.50 p.m.

Present: Councillor Jan Rees (as Meeting Chair) and Councillors Derek Thomas and Peter Fenton.

In attendance:

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

73. Declarations of Interest

None to declare.

74. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Brimblecombe and Saintas had sent their apologies and
It was **Resolved** - to approve their reasons for absence.

75. Public Participation

Not applicable.

76. Minutes from the Recreation Ground Charity Meeting of 9th January 2023

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.

77. Pavilion and Recreation Ground

i. Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground

a. Use of the Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground

An enquiry had been received for a Coronation event on May 7th, update awaited.

b. Boiler

Replacement of the heat exchanger and filling loop now completed.

c. Security of the Recreation Ground

Martin Bailey will install the new post and rail fencing in Mill Road.

d. Tree Survey and Hedge Cutting

i. Tree work

Beechdown Arboriculture Limited had been appointed to undertake the interim annual survey at a cost of £240 +VAT and

It was **Resolved** – to appoint Beechdown Arboriculture Limited to undertake work to the lime tree by the dog bin (identified as T42 on the 2022 survey map) at a cost of £180 + VAT.

ii. Hedge Cutting

It was **Resolved** – to delegate a spend of up to £1000 to the Clerk to allow works to be undertaken to cut the hedge before March - to comply with The Wildlife and



Countryside Act 1981- and on the basis that it was more cost effective to undertake now than wait until later in the year when it had grown significantly.

e. King's Coronation May 2023

There was no decision yet on the Parish Council's application for a new commemorative seat and accessible picnic table as part of its National Lottery 'Awards for All' application (Parish Council Meeting 9.1.2023, minute 158 (ii)).

f. Wildflower Meadow

Refer Parish Council Meeting 13th February 2023, minute 174 (iii) b.

Soil samples had been collected from three possible sites on the Recreation Ground and sent for testing to assess suitability for a wildflower meadow, cost £75 +VAT plus postage of £8.95.

ii. West Sussex County Council's Reparations Team

No further work due to the weather but Martin Bailey continued to liaise with the team.

78. Governance

The Annual General Meeting of the Slindon Sports Association was scheduled for Friday February 24th at 7.45 p.m. and the Clerk and Chair would represent the Parish Council and also cover administrative matters in line with the licence.

79. Clerk's Update

Some damage to the cricket pitch by youths on e-scooters/ bikes on the evening of February 10th had been highlighted to the Parish Council by the Sports Association and the Cricket Club were also aware of this. The Clerk had met with Martin Bailey the following day to explore ways to restrict e-scooter/bike access, without compromising accessibility generally. The matter had also identified the need for the cricket square to be better protected.

80. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 13th March 2023, to immediately follow the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated