



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 17th April 2023 at 8.20 p.m.

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

In attendance:

Sarah Linfield BSc (Hons), CiLCA (Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer/Proper Officer)
One member of the public.

89. Declarations of Interest

None to declare.

90. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Vanneck-Smith had sent their apologies and

It was **Resolved** - to approve the reason for absence.

91. Public Participation

None.

92. Minutes from the Recreation Ground Charity Meeting of 13th March 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.

93. Pavilion and Recreation Ground

i. Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground

a. Boiler

The engineer's visit from Paine Manwaring, was now scheduled to take place 24th April, and

It was **Resolved** – to approve a new air vent and labour charges at a cost of £197.10 + VAT.

b. Security of the Recreation Ground and Safety of its Users

- Councillor Fenton reported that the Pudding Club had agreed to contribute £500 towards improving the security of the storage units.
- Martin Bailey had worked with volunteers on Good Friday to undertake emergency repairs to the patio area outside the pavilion and the car park, for which the Chair and the Clerk had authorised purchase of the materials at a total cost of £306.98 + VAT.



It was **Resolved** – to ratify the payment to Jewsons, already made in line with the Council’s scheme of delegation and Financial Regulations, to ensure the safety of users.

c. Tree work recommended following the survey.

It was **Resolved** - to appoint Beechdown Arboriculture Limited without competition, (having completed the tree survey itself, the ongoing issues of sourcing 3 estimates and the quality of other work previously undertaken by them for the Council) – at a cost of £1500 +VAT.

d. King’s Coronation May 2023

The new commemorative seat and accessible picnic table funded by the National Lottery award had been ordered for delivery to Martin Bailey with a lead in time of 16 to 20 weeks.

e. Wildflower Meadow (through a Bee Lines’ Grant)

A site visit by the Meadow Adviser from Plantlife had been postponed to April 24th.

f. Grant Application

The Clerk had submitted a request on behalf of the Slindon Recreation Ground Charity to the Steve Bernard Foundation for a grant towards replacement of the football dugouts, which would be considered by the Trustees at its May meeting.

ii. West Sussex County Council’s Reparations Team

Martin Bailey continued to liaise with the team and the practice wall would be painted next.

94. Governance

Draft minutes of the AGM 24th February 2023 had been shared.

95. Clerk’s Update

A suggestion had been made that a local school might use the field in return for which they could provide some assistance with the maintenance. Councillors agreed to consider matters if a formal approach was received.

96. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 15th May 2023, to immediately follow the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated