



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 0QT.
On Monday 10th July 2023 at 8.41 p.m.

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

In Attendance:

Sarah Linfield BSc (Hons), CiLCA (Parish Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer). No other representation.

17. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fenton declared a personal interest as Chair of the 'Slindon Community Land Trust'.

18. Apologies for Absence

It was **Resolved** – to note apologies from Councillor Vanneck-Smith and approve the reason for absence.

19. Public Participation

None.

20. Minutes from the Council Meeting Held On 12th June 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.

21. Governance

i. **Charity Commission**

The Clerk was currently unable to submit the Annual Return at 31.3.2023, as the website was being updated but continued to check access each month.

ii. **Pavilion and Recreation Ground Risk Assessment**

The Clerk was asked to explore signage to remind users to exercise care when cricket matches were in progress and the cost of 'stop that ball' nets by the adult gym equipment.

It was **Resolved** – to re-adopt the revised version.

iii. **Grass Cutting Policy**

It was **Resolved** – to circulate the Council's Grass Cutting Policy to Slindon Sports Association and explore options for manual handling training as part of the insurance requirements, the Clerk to trial an online course at £14.25 net per user.

iv. **Stoolball Insurance**

Receipt of Yapton's copy policy was noted.

v. **Due Diligence Checks**

It was **Resolved** - to assign responsibility for monthly checks and completion of checklist to Councillor Saintas.



22. Pavilion and Recreation Ground

i. Wildflower Meadow

An update on the grant application to Beelines was awaited.

ii. The Tree work identified by the annual survey

This had taken place on the 26th and 27th June. Some wood had been left on site for residents but might need to be removed if not required.

iii. Mowing

A resident had written to enquire about No Mow May and suggest that as a substantial area is not used for sporting purposes it should be left uncut to benefit wildlife, mowing it once a year perhaps after the winter. The Clerk would engage the Sports Association and the local South Downs National Park Ranger. Another resident had enquired about cutting of the hedge by the football pitch near the A29 (not that bordering its entire length) which would be reviewed.

iv. Use of the Ground by Others

The Clerk had received an enquiry from the Slindon Cricket Team regarding the possibility of generating income by allowing other league teams to use the pitch. As the licensee cannot enter into any agreement with others for its use, anyone interested in using the facilities would need to approach the Parish Council directly. League teams had specific requirements and it was not certain if the Recreation Ground could provide these facilities.

Critical Power and Control Limited had also contacted the Clerk about solar panel installation and funding through the English Cricket Board, details shared with Martin Bailey. Several Councillors expressed an interest in collaborating on a project to improve the pavilion through the Community Ownership Fund.

v. Grant to repair the dugouts

An expression of interest had been sent to the Robert Eaton Memorial Fund.

23. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 14th August 2023 (to follow the Parish Council meeting).

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated.