

Slindon Recreation Ground Charity

Linked Charity number 279976 and 279976-1.

Sole Managing Trustee: Slindon Parish Council

Background

The Council is the sole trustee of the Recreation Ground – Charity number 279976 and 279976-1.

<http://apps.Charitycommission.gov.uk/ShowCharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutParitB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=279976&SubsidiaryNumber=0>

The Charity was created following an application by the Parish Council for ownership of the land in October 1979, approved in November 1979 and registered in 1980 (Commons Registration Act 1965).

The Recreation Ground Charity is governed by an Enclosure Award dated 1871. The Parish Council as trustee must act in the best interests of the Charity and ensure its charitable objectives, providing a recreation ground for local people, are met and it complies with the Charities Act 2011.

[Councillors' guide to a Council's role as Charity trustee \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Objectives

- The Charity needs are independent of the Council, decisions about the administration and the operation of the Charity must be taken solely with a view to furthering its charitable purposes, and no other purpose.
- The Council must acknowledge that it has a dual role, first as a local authority and secondly as a Charity trustee and that the two roles must be kept entirely separate.
- All discussions relating to the Charity are to be taken at a meeting specifically called for that purpose, not a Council meeting.

Rules and Terms of Reference.

1. The stated aims of Slindon Recreation Ground Charity ('the Charity') are:

The provision and maintenance of the Slindon Recreation Ground as a playing field or recreation ground, for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Slindon and the immediate neighbourhood, with the object of improving the conditions of life for such persons.

2. Slindon Parish Council, the Charity's Trustee ('the Trustee'), is responsible for the routine management of the Charity, (which includes the Pavilion), ensuring that facilities are maintained, and where appropriate improved or enhanced, whilst ensuring financial probity.
3. Decisions are made by not more than 9 and no fewer than 3 members, of which all shall be Parish Councillors. A quorum shall be 3 members.

4. Meetings will be held at intervals, conducted in accordance with the principles of standard Parish Council procedures. In addition, the Charity will hold an Annual Meeting at intervals not exceeding 12 months.
5. Any actions, financial or otherwise, shall only be in support of the Charity's objectives. Overall responsibility rest with the Council.
6. Responsibilities include:
 - Maintaining the grounds and buildings of the Charity,
 - Seek efficiency improvements in the way services are provided,
 - Ensure that adequate insurance cover is in place for both the assets of the Charity, and users of its facilities, where appropriate.
7. All activities shall be conducted with due transparency and process, and as far as is possible, in line with the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Parish Council.
8. The management of the Charity should be kept separate as far as possible from the business of the Parish Council.
9. These rules may be updated and amended, at the discretion of the Trustee, on advice offered by others, or in order to comply with changing legislation, other authoritative advice or guidance.

Agreed and approved by Slindon Parish Council, the Charity's Trustee, Recreation Ground meeting 12th June 2023, minute 14 (ii).