



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 14th August 2023 at 8.51 p.m.

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

In Attendance:

Sarah Linfield BSc (Hons), CiLCA (Parish Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer).

No other representation.

24. Declarations of Interest

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

25. Apologies for Absence

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

26. Public Participation

None.

27. Minutes from the Council Meeting Held On 10th July 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.

28. Governance, Risk and Insurance

i. Pavilion's Legionella Risk Assessment

It was **Resolved** - to authorise the purchase of testing equipment for water sampling as in the previous year, through South East Water at an estimated cost of £66+VAT plus courier costs, delegated spend to the Clerk of up to £100 net of VAT.

ii. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Risk Assessment

The Clerk was liaising with the Sports Association on signage to remind users to exercise care when cricket matches were in progress and the practicality of 'stop that ball' nets by the adult gym equipment. The cricket season was almost at an end so there was time to agree on mitigations before next year.

iii. Football Insurance

A copy of the policy for Barnham Trojans had been requested.

iv. Charity Commission

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

29. Pavilion and Recreation Ground

i. National Lottery Award

Martin, Chair of the Slindon Sports Association, had kindly taken delivery of the accessible picnic table and also offered to install it, at a suitable location near the football pitch.



ii. Wildflower Meadow

The Parish Council had been awarded a Beelines grant of £5650 through the South Downs National Park Authority, to create a wildflower meadow on the Recreation Ground. It would be located on the margin of the cricket pitch by the A29, the soil here testing as most suitable and to minimise encroaching on land available for recreational purposes. The seed would be sourced to ensure it was best suited to the area. The plan is to leave the grass cuttings on site where the cricket pitch cuttings are left, but removal could be arranged at an estimated cost of £150. Parish Council meeting 14.8.23, minute 76 (i) b refers.

iii. Planting of a Memorial Tree

A resident had raised the possibility with Councillor Rees of planting a commemorative tree on the Recreation Ground and It was **Resolved** – to agree in principle to a suitable tree, in line with its Memorial Tree and Bench policy.

iv. Hedging

The Clerk would strive to obtain three quotes to cut the hedge that borders the A29.

v. Grant

a. Repair of the dugouts

The Clerk had not yet received a reply to previous emails and would endeavour to obtain an application form for the Robert Eaton Memorial Fund by post.

b. Community Ownership Fund (COF) & English Cricket Board's County Grants Scheme

The Clerk had shared details of the COF scheme with Councillor Wright, to be discussed with Councillor Saintas.

With regards the possibility of grant funded solar panels for the pavilion, "the English Cricket Board currently runs the County Grants Scheme (CGF) for affiliated cricket clubs throughout the whole of England and Wales. Subject to meeting our criteria and the support of the local County Cricket Board, clubs can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for a variety of projects, including the installation of solar panels. The scheme runs from 1 Feb - 31 Jan each year. Further details and guidance notes about the scheme can be found on the ECB website

at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding/county-grant-fund>".

The Clerk would share this information with Slindon's Sports Association and the Cricket Club.

30. Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 11th September 2023 (to follow the Parish Council meeting).

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Dated.