

ARTHUR NICHOLSON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ON 26 JUNE 2023 STARTING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Summers (Chairman), and Councillors Eames, Hinds, Marriott, Stevens and Mrs Vidler

In Attendance – Neil Harris (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Collins.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures.

3. Minutes

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Trustee Declaration of Interest Form

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Trustee Declaration of Interest Form as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

6. Equal Opportunities Policy

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Equal Opportunities Policy as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

7. Whistle Blowing Policy

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Whistle Blowing Policy as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

8. Complaints Policy

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Complaints Policy as circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes be approved.

9. Village Related Event Terms of Use Policy

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Village Related Event Terms of Use Policy as circulated at the meeting be referred for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee of Management.

10. Trust Deed Amendment to include Bowls Club on Committee of Management

Councillor Mrs Vidler indicated that the Bowls Club had indicated that they wished to join the Committee of Management. She had taken this matter up with the Charity Commission who had indicated that on the basis that the Bowls Club were being added to the Committee of Management whilst a further Trust representative was appointed thereby maintaining the balance of membership as set out in the Trust Deed, that this decision could be made by the Trust.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the Trust Deed be amended to allow the Bowls Club to join the Committee of Management with a similar increase in the number of Trust representatives by one thereby maintaining the balance of membership as set out in the Trust Deed.

11. Review of Leases Update

Councillor Vidler indicated that she and Councillor Eames had met with Colin Barber to discuss the leases with the BSA. The meeting was useful as he had indicated that the BSA had received correspondence querying the validity of the leases as they stood. She would continue to look at this issue and report back to the next meeting.

12. Request from the Friends of Bidborough to hold a Community Event on the Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground on 10 September 2023 Update

Councillor Vidler informed the Trust that the Friends of Bidborough were now looking at a different option and that they would no longer require the use of the Recreation Ground on 10 September 2023.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that

(1) the Clerk to the Trust should write to the Cricket Club informing them of the change and that the recreation ground was no longer needed on 10 September and

(2) the Cricket Club be thanked for their positive response to the initial request.

13. Bidborough School PTA Request to use the Recreation Ground for a Firework Display on 3 November 2023

The Trust were informed that the Bidborough School PTA request for use of the Recreation Ground on 3 November which was initially for a light show had changed to a traditional live firework display. The reason for the change was because they could not get the light show.

Discussion ensued on the reason why the location had to be changed which the PTA had indicated had been because the new MUGA was being put in the School Grounds over the Summer at the location where the displays had been held.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that before a final decision could be made over whether to grant permission for a traditional live firework display on 3 November on the Recreation Ground that clarification was required over a number of issues: -

- (1) What is the reason that you have to move from the existing location if the MUGA has been completed
- (2) Would the move to the recreation ground be on a permanent basis
- (3) Is the fireworks display an organised event run by a professional body or an event run by the PTA itself
- (4) Depending on the answer to (3) above will you have the necessary insurance in place for the event and if so, the Trust would require a copy of the insurance
- (5) That there is a commitment to make good any damage made to any part of the recreation ground, as determined by the Trust, which will be met through the insurance or directly by the PTA as the hirer. This is particularly relevant as the recreation ground is quite wet at this time of year and therefore more prone to damage.
- (6) The Trust would require a copy of the PTA risk assessment for the event
- (7) The Trust would want to receive the detail of the PTA clean up plan for after the event
- (8) The Trust would require confirmation from the PTA that they have checked that they have met any licensing requirements of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- (9) That the PTA will take any necessary measures to inform local residents of the event
- (10) That the PTA provide the Trust with an estimate of the numbers likely to attend the event

14. Play Park Tender

Councillor Vidler referred to the Play Park tender document that she had sent to the Councillors and indicated that she was discussing this with various people to help finalise the document to be in a position to go out to tender. She indicated that it was the intention that this scheme should go through all the various steps, including receiving views from the

schoolchildren with the intention that the scheme be completed by Spring next year before the cricket season starts.

It was unanimously **Agreed to Recommend to the Bidborough Parish Council** that the Play Park tender document be agreed in principle and that a final document be submitted to both the Council and Trust meetings in July.

15. Duration of Meeting

7.00pm to 7.24pm