

ARTHUR NICHOLSON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 STARTING AT 7.00PM

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

In Attendance – Neil Harris (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures.

3. Minutes

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Committee of Management Update

The Chairman reported that arrangements were being put in place for the holding of the first Committee of Management Meeting in October. Until a Committee of Management was formed the Trust would have to make any decisions that would fall within their remit

It was unanimously **Agreed** that Councillor Marriott be appointed as the fourth Trust member to serve on the Committee of Management.

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

The Clerk to the Trust submitted the response he had received from the Bidborough School PTA to the Trust. The Trust considered the response and felt that whilst there was some support for the event that a number of the answers were not completely satisfactory.

It was unanimously **Agreed**

(1) that the Bidborough School PTA request to use the Recreation Ground for a firework display on 3 November 2023 be approved in principle subject to the Trust receiving a satisfactory response to the following: -

1. What are the arrangements for the setting off of the fireworks display including the location of the site from where the fireworks will be set off, how do the PTA intend to control access to that location, and the location of the public in relation to the display. In addition, the Trust would wish to receive an indication of what the display will consist of and its length of time.

2. Insurance – The Trust would require sight of the relevant section of the Bidborough School PTA insurance and what is the extent of the public liability element within that policy.

3. The Trust will require a guarantee from the Bidborough School PTA that they will make good any damage made to the Recreation Ground both in terms of the display and any potential damage arising from that and any damage caused by the public using the Recreation Ground before, during and after the display. The making good of any damage must be to the standard set by the Trust and the Trust reserves the right that should any making good work not be to the standard required that it would make good the damage itself and charge the PTA for the works to put right the damage. The Trust has also received some concerns from both the Tennis Club and the Bowls Club. Therefore, this condition will also apply to both of these locations. The same will also apply to any adjoining land in the ownership of Bidborough Parish Council.

4. A copy of the Bidborough School PTA risk assessment(s) for this event.

5. The Bidborough School PTA detailed Clean up Plan for the Recreation Ground and all adjoining sites including the Tennis Club, Bowls Club, adjoining Parish Council land, Spring Lane, and any other relevant sites.

6. A copy of the Bidborough School PTA Temporary Event Licence from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

7. The number of people attending or the number of tickets intended to be sold.

8. The Trust would also wish to receive a copy of the Bidborough School PTA Marshalling plan for the site for the event.

9. That no parking is be allowed on the Recreation Ground and what plans do the Bidborough School PTA have for parking.

(2) that a response be sought within 2 weeks of the e mail being sent and that the Chairman of the Trust be given delegated authority to make the final decision on the application taking into account the response received from the Bidborough School PTA to the issues raised in (1) above.

7. Memorial Bench – Bill Hickmott

It was reported that the family of the late Bill Hickmott had made a request for a bench to be placed in the Recreation Ground in his memory and to mark his love of cricket. The family had indicated that they would pay for the bench and its installation.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the request for a bench, in memory of the late Bill Hickmott to be placed in the Recreation Ground be agreed in principle, subject to agreement over the exact location.

8. Request for use of Recreation Ground by Fitness Group

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Helen Winsor of Bidborough Bootcamp to use the Recreation Ground for a fitness club. In response to a number of questions she had replied that the club would be held on Mondays and Fridays at 9.15am to 10.15am with approximately 6 people attending on an area potentially on the school side by the playground using some weights and mats.

It was unanimously **Agreed** that the request be approved, on the basis detailed above, for an initial period of 6 months and subject to a review if the applicant wishes to continue.

9. Play Park Tender

The Trust noted that the Council was in the process of receiving tenders in respect of the replacement of the Play Park.

10. Approval of Invoice from MDH Horticultural Contractors for work on Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that an invoice in the sum of £540 plus VAT had been received from MDH Horticultural Contractors for work on the Recreation ground. It was unanimously **Agreed** that the invoice be paid.

11. Duration of Meeting

7.00pm to 7.34pm.