

ARTHUR NICHOLSON RECREATION GROUND TRUST

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ON 26 FEBRUARY 2024 STARTING AT 7.00PM

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

In Attendance – Neil Harris (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Mrs Collins and Marriott.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Stevens and Mrs Vidler stated that they had been appointed as Trustees of the Friends of Bidborough Charity but that there was no interest to be disclosed in any of the items on the agenda.

Councillor Mrs Summers stated that she had an interest in the item relating to the Play Area Fencing as Excel Build and Fence, a Company of which she was a Director, was undertaking the work at cost for the Council and with no labour charge and that she would only contribute to the discussion to give factual information on the delivery of the project.

3. Minutes

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Report from Committee of Management Meeting held on 20 February 2024

The Committee of Management had considered a number of matters including

(1) Church Bank

They agreed that the Clerk to the Trust investigate further with the Diocese the clarity of the agreement on the Church Bank and report back to the Committee of Management and the Trust.

(2) School Use of Recreation Ground

They received an update on the discussions with the School.

(3) Play Area Fencing

They received an update on the current position including the latest position on the padding.

(4) Dogs on the Recreation Ground

They discussed the matter of dogs on the recreation ground and whilst aware that any restrictions introduced would have very limited enforcement felt it was still a good idea to explore this option.

It was **Agreed** that what measures could be taken to control dogs on the recreation ground and other associated measures be investigated by the Clerk to the Trust and the Parish Clerk and that he report back to the Council, Trust, and the Committee of Management.

(5) Verti Draining

The Committee considered the need for verti draining on the Recreation Ground and asked the Trust to undertake this work

It was **Agreed** that the Clerk to the Trust, in consultation with the Chairman of the Trust, be given delegated authority to appoint contractors to undertake the verti drainage work on the Recreation Ground.

6) Accident Book and Risk Assessments

The sports clubs were reminded there is a requirement for an Accident Book to record incidents and to carry out yearly risk assessments and provide evidence of this to the Trust. This has not been happening to date so the Clerk to the Trust will provide a list of the requirements to the clubs, so they are available next year.

6. Lengthsman Contract

It was **Agreed** that the Lengthsman quote from MDH Horticultural Contractors, that had been approved by the Clerk in consultation with the Council between meetings as detailed below be approved: -

Every 2 Weeks

1. Play area - £40.00

Monthly

2. Recreation ground - £140.00
3. Bank behind Play area - £140.00

General

4. Pond Area Strim and Hedge - £280.00
5. Recreation Ground around gate - £100.00
6. Recreation Ground Beech Hedge - £140.00

7. Duration of Meeting

7.00pm to 7.07pm.