



Minutes of a Meeting of Perranarworthal Parish Council Sitting as the sole trustee of the King George's Field Perranarworthal (registered charity number 205571) held at The Perranwell Centre on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present Councillors: A Bridges, C Bridges, G Brown, D Hirst, R Holman, M Pryor, D Ring, L Thomas, C Voyce

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk), & 12 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS – to receive and note (if any)

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – for members of the public to make representations to the Trustees

A member of the public submitted an apology on behalf of her father who was not able to attend stating that the playing field currently had low maintenance costs, was free draining and that the levelling of the playing field had already been considered many years ago.

A member of the public spoke in favour of the levelling of the playing field stating that it would remain parish land and that would remain for the use of the public.

The Chairman of the Perranwell Centre spoke in favour of improvements to the Playing Field.

A member of public spoke in support stating that it was an important asset for children.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Wednesday 13th September 2023 – to confirm accuracy and approve

Cllr Pryor proposed, Cllr A. Bridges seconded and the Council **resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Brown would liaise with the contractor for the removal of the trees.

6. PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

(a)

The Chairman introduced the topic of the levelling of the playing field which has been agreed in principle. The Chairman wanted to steadily go step by step and highlighted that it was important to spend a significant amount of time during the meeting to consider the matter.

The Chairman invited Mr Andy Snapes (Chairman of the Football Club) to make a presentation for the levelling of the playing field and introduced a representative, Kieren Couce, Project Manager from MWJB who was undertaking the work pro-bono. The proposals were still in draft form but gave a flavour of what could be undertaken subject to the necessary reports such as environmental and drainage tests and analysis.

The rules of the Football Association were noted which required a more level playing surface. The proposals were to meet the minimum standards.

The presentation commenced with a primary option with an explanation as to why it was discounted. Two options were presented. A track access was also noted to enable equipment and allow other events such as a motor show to be accommodated.

The second option also showed a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and an option for a footpath to go around the perimeter of the site.

Cllr Voyce asked for the distance between the edge of the Playing Field and the Play Equipment but this was not known.

The Clerk asked about where the properties on the Northern edge were in relation to the proposed embankment and it was noted that there was a proposed perimeter footpath between the properties and the proposed embankment. All of the Cornish hedges and trees would not be affected.

It was also reported that the proposed pitch is the same size as is now but the pitch has been moved slightly to the East with a 2 metre safety option and that turfing rather than grass seeding would speed up reuse.

(b)

The Chairman stated that it was important to consult with members of the public. An initial consultation was proposed but no date was set due to ensuring that the appropriate people were able to attend.

Cllr Voyce wanted the Council to do due diligence prior to a public consultation.

Cllr Hirst was concerned about the proposed timing of the meeting and was concerned that December was a busy time of year. The Chairman stated that there would be two presentations one at 5pm and 7pm at the consultation would run from 4pm to 8pm.

Cllr C Bridges proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** that a public consultation take place in December with the date to be determined.

7. Playing field maintenance

(a)

Cllr Voyce reported that she has asked for two additional quotes concerning resurfacing of part of the children's play area and that there was no available surfacing for the picnic table due to the repurposing of the material.

New signage has now been ordered.

The litter rota has been continuing and there was very little damage to the field from the storm the previous week.

(b)

The draft updated risk assessment was deferred to allow the Clerk to review with Cllr Voyce.

(c)

An update was provided on the management of the northern boundary of the playing field (see the resolution agreed at the July meeting).

Cllr Thomas and Cllr Holman had knocked on every door of Westmoor Crescent. The majority of people had seen living rats with one property infested with rats. Cllr Thomas felt this was a huge environmental health issue.

The Chairman invited Mrs Davey to speak who stated that there was an issue in the Perranwell Centre. Cornwall Council were called and Cllr Williams CC was informed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Holman and Thomas for their efforts.

(d)

The Chairman referred to a previous decision to not purchase barriers and the Chairman felt that the Football Club and Community Store should liaise.

8. TREES

(a)

The outcome of the provisional Tree Protection Order was not yet determined.

(b)

Consideration of any further action required in relation to vulnerable or dangerous trees on the playing field was in hand.

9. Budget

(a)

The Chairman reported that at the Council's finance committee need to consider the budget requirements for 2024/2025. The costs of resurfacing were noted.

(b)

Quotes for re-surfacing work were in hand.

10. FATHER CHRISTMAS

Cllr Hirst reported that last year's visit by Father Christmas was very successful and sought permission to host the event once again using a horse drawn vehicle either on the morning of the 16th or 17th December 2023.

Cllr Hirst proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** a funding from the Trustees Fund for £200.00 towards the costs of the event and for permission to be granted.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday 21st February 2024.

12. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It is likely that, due to the confidential nature of the following item, the press and public will be excluded from the meeting) under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Cllr A Bridges proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** to exclude the Press and Public.

13. FOOTBALL CLUB MATTERS

(a)

Cllr Ring proposed, Cllr A. Bridges seconded and the Council **resolved** to delegate the licence to the Clerk.

(b)

Cllr Hirst proposed, Cllr Voyce seconded and the Council **resolved** to seek further advice from Fields in Trust concerning wider matters.

The meeting closed at 21:20.