



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 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm

Present Councillors: A Bridges, C Bridges (Chairman), G Brown, D Hirst, R Holman, M Pryor, L Thomas, C Voyce, D Ward

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) & 8 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ring submitted his apologies due to personal reasons.

Cllr Pryor proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded and the Council **resolved** to accept his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Ward declared an interest in Item 11.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of public spoke concerning the telephone box (which was outside the parameters of the trustee but has been considered by the Council).

A member of the public spoke questioning whether legal advice should be sought in the first instance and about building in safeguards for any amalgamation of charities.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Pryor proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. FINANCE

Cllr C Bridges reported that balance of the account is £8,539.61.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Hirst had requested a spreadsheet from the start of the financial year and noted that the £40.20 for the Easter Egg hunt needs to be

transferred into the Trustee's Account. This will reduce the amount of Coronation Concert income.

7. PORTALOO HIRE

The Clerk reported that he had extended the hire of the Portaloo until the end of February due to the change of meeting date.

Cllr Brown asked whether use could be measured. Cllr Ward stated that he had not seen it used when in the Community Store all day and thought it was an eyesore.

It was wondered whether the Perranwell Centre's toilets could be used.

Cllr Hirst proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** to continue with the hire for a rolling period of 5 months from the end of February and to investigate alternative options.

8. PLAYING FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

A progress report for levelling the playing field had been submitted with the Agenda Pack and was briefly discussed.

The Chairman reported that he had a planned meeting with the Chairman of the Football Club.

The prospect of an amalgamation of the Football Club and the Cricket Club was mooted but this was discounted.

The funding of the levelling was questioned and the Chairman stated that there are about 150 bodies that could provide funding.

9. PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE

The Working Group submitted a report stating the need to repair the surface under the swings and recommended a quotation from DCM for £14,365.00 + VAT. It was noted that precise measurements were necessary before a finalised quotation could be obtained.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Council considered a draft updated risk assessment.

A number of issues were raised including the disclaimer signage.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Voyce for her hard work on the risk assessment.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Ward seconded and the Council **resolved** to defer to seek clarity regarding DBS checks and for the amendments discussed to be inserted into the document.

Cllr Ward left the meeting.

11. AMALGAMATION OF CHARITY

The Chairman introduced a proposal for amalgamation by explaining the history of the Playing Field, commenting that governance arrangements had, in fact, changed several times over the years since the field was purchased.

The following proposal was considered:

It is **proposed** that the parish council should approach the trustees of the Perranwell Centre with a view to commencing negotiations aimed at amalgamating the King George's Field Perranarworthal charity with the Perranwell Centre charity to form a single charity to run the combined assets of both charities and that, if necessary, appropriate legal advice should be sought to support this process.

Cllr Voyce read out a statement against the proposed amalgamation.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** the proposal subject to the withdrawal of the words 'if necessary'.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** that Cllrs A Bridges, C Bridges, G Brown, D Hirst, M Pryor and C Voyce together with the Clerk attend an initial meeting with the Perranwell Centre trustees.

In response to a request from Cllr Hirst, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Village Hall trustees for a certified copy of the vesting declaration signed in 2017.

12. FOOTBALL CLUB MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had negotiated a doubling of the fee but was having difficulty identifying the appropriate wording for outstanding matters concerning the licence.

Cllr Pryor proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** that the draft licence is signed by the Clerk noting that no external legal advice seemed necessary.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 20:59.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman