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 19th March 2025 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) & 5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ward submitted his apologies due to recovering from treatment.

Cllr A. Bridges proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** to accept Cllr Ward's apology.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr A. Bridges proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

5. MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Cllr Pryor proposed and Cllr A. Bridges seconded that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 13 February 2025 be approved as a correct record.

Cllr Hirst proposed and Cllr Brown seconded an amendment to remove the 2nd paragraph of Agenda Item 3 which explained the invoice in greater detail and for the minutes to be amended to state that "the Clerk advised the meeting that the consent from Fields in Trust would not be released until payment of the invoice".

The proposed amendment was defeated.

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025 were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Hirst wanted to see correspondence from Fields in Trust but this was not a matter arising from the minutes.

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7. FIELDS IN TRUST

The Chairman stated that consent for the amalgamation of the two charities was originally given on the 2nd December 2024 (the approval was subject to payment of a fee of £500 plus VAT to Fields in Trust) and the subsequent delay was due to an administrative error within Fields in Trust as the consequent invoice had not been raised internally.

Cllr Voyce noted that the deed of trust would pass over to the Perranwell Centre (and would be held on special trust). Cllr Voyce thought that an amalgamation was irresponsible as she considered the Perranwell Centre to have a conflict of interest due to potentially wishing to build on part of the playing field.

The Chairman noted the Fields in Trust guidance which allowed for up to 20% coverage by buildings.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** to receive and note the formal written consent.

Cllr Hirst requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Against: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

8. LEGAL ADVICE

The Clerk had circulated the legal advice with the associated agenda pack.

The Clerk had also obtained permission to circulate the legal advice to the Perranwell Centre Trustees which independently reaffirmed the legal advice that all matters were in order.

The Clerk stated that in his capacity as the Council's legal officer, he was content with all the legal advice and considered that there were no outstanding matters.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Pryor seconded and the Council **resolved** to note the advice that the consent of the Charity Commission would not be required to proceed with amalgamation and to agree to pay any remaining costs for legal advice.

Cllr Hirst requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Abstain: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

A finance report was presented which encompassed the balance of the Trustee Account together with the transactions to date:

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	RECEIPTS £	PAYMENTS £	BALANCE £
01/04/2024	Opening balance			8,579.81
09/04/2024	Perranwell FC - licences	201.00		8,780.81
03/05/2024	Mrs D. Hirst – Easter events	32.52		8,813.33
13/08/2024	4Ways Contractors Ltd – base for picnic bench		950.00	7,863.33
21/08/2024	C.A. Voyce – paving slabs		33.06	7,830.27
12/11/2024	Fields in Trust – field change request fee		180.00	7,650.27
18/02/2025	Fields in Trust – field change request fee		600.00	7,050.27
11/03/2025	Lloyds Bank – bank charge		4.25	7,046.02
	TOTAL	233.52	1,767.31	**7,046.02**

Councillors discussed how the funds had been received, such as donations and grants from the parish council.

Cllr Holman proposed, Cllr Brown seconded and the Council **resolved** to receive and accept the report on the closing financial position of the playing field charity.

Cllr Hirst requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Abstain: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

10. VESTING DECLARATION

The Chairman outlined the vesting declaration.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Pryor seconded and the Council **resolved** to agree and sign the final draft of the vesting declaration to transfer all the assets of the playing field charity to the Perranwell Centre charity and to note that the draft vesting declaration has been approved by the parish council's solicitor.

Cllr Voyce requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Against: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

11. COMPLETION

Cllr Pryor proposed, Cllr A. Bridges seconded and the Council **resolved** to receive and note the checklist used by the Amalgamation Steering Group.

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Cllr Hirst requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Abstain: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

Cllr C. Bridges proposed, Cllr Holman seconded and the Council **resolved** to receive and note the report containing Charity Commission advice on the closure of the playing field charity.

Cllr Voyce requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Against: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

12. CLOSURE OF BANK ACCOUNT

Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr A. Bridges seconded and the Council **resolved** to close bank account following transfer of monies.

13. CLOSURE

A report containing Charity Commission guidance on the steps to be taken to close a charity had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Holman proposed, Cllr A. Bridges seconded and the Council **resolved** to formally close the playing field charity and submit the required information to the Charity Commission.

Cllr Hirst requested a recorded vote.

For: A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor

Against: D. Hirst and C. Voyce.

The meeting closed at 19.54.

The vesting declaration was duly signed by Councillors A. Bridges, C. Bridges, G. Brown, R. Holman and M. Pryor and witnessed by the Clerk.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman

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