



**Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire**

**Notes of the Playing Fields Committee meeting on
13 July 2022 at 7:30 pm in Playfield Road pavilion**

Present: Cllr. Charlett Mr. Baker Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham Mr. Bunt Cllr. Feather

In Attendance: Rachel Brown (Locum Clerk)

1.22 ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

Cllr. Charlett nominated Cllr. Feather as Chairman, which was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham and agreed unanimously. Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Cllr. Charlett, seconded by Cllr. Feather and agreed by all.

1.23 APOLOGIES – Cllr. Smith, Mr. Babbs, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Robins and Cllr. Russell

2.22 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – None

3.22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee resolved to sign minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2022.

4.22 EXPENDITURE REPORT

The clerk presented the nominal ledger for the Playing Fields budget (attached). It was queried why the electricity bill for Forest Side was so expensive on 29 April at £164.48, compared to other months.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Investigate variations in the direct debits for Forest Side electricity

5.22 NEW ISSUES

A The area around the table tennis table at Forest Side is quite messy with weeds and it was suggested that this should be added to the Village Warden's list of duties. This will be discussed at tomorrow's full council meeting.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Add to additional report for council meeting on 14 July

B A decision was made at full council meeting to obtain quotations for a timer to be installed on the hot water cylinders at Playfield Rd pavilion, as the electricity bill is extremely high, which is likely to be due to the immersion heaters being switched on continuously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Obtain quotations for a suitable timer to be installed on the immersion heaters at Playfield Road pavilion

C The RoSPA report will be taking place at the play areas in July or August. The toddler swing at The Links has not yet been replaced, but the Clerk will chase this up.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Request that the toddler swing is reinstated as soon as possible

D The trees at Forest Side have some branches down and need some attention.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Request quotations for removing the broken branches from the trees at Forest Side

E The 'scrub' areas at Playfield Rd and Forest Side need cutting back, as agreed with the grass cutting contractors.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact BBG to request that the scrub is cut back at the playing fields as soon as possible

F The fences around Forest Side and The Linkds play areas have boards missing.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Request quotations for the boards to be replaced in the play area fences

G Ted Perkins bench in The Links play area still needs maintenance. The Village Warden has agreed to do this but has been on annual leave.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Ask Village Warden for the bench to be sanded down and the correct preservative added as soon as possible

6.22 CONTINUING ISSUES

A Mr Robins queried when the litter bins will be installed, as they are still in the Playfield Rd garage.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Request quotation for litter bin to be installed

B Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham had suggested that walking football could be started in the village, which was felt to be a very good idea but needs someone to take this forward and run the group.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Ask in the Kennington Chronicle if anyone is interested in starting a walking football group In Kennington.

7.22 PLAYFIELD ROAD PAVILION PROJECT

A proposal was made to refurbish and extend the existing pavilion, which would be a more affordable option.

8.22 **It was agreed** that Cllr. Feather will have discussions with the architect on how to best utilise the existing space and waste ground behind the building, if agreed by the council at tomorrow's meeting.

9.22 HIRE FEES FOR 2022/23

Following the last committee meeting in March, the full council agreed that the annual hire fees will increase by the same percentage as the precept. It was requested that the football and cricket clubs take this back to their committees for agreement. For the football club, a 4.2% increase on the January 2020 invoice (before Covid discounts were applied) would be £2080.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Issue agreement and invoice for 2022 hire.

10.22 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

11.22 **Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham** queried if Wednesdays were the most suitable evening for the committee, as several members had sent their apologies again. The Clerk advised that this has been discussed recently and it was felt that Wednesday was suitable, due to other commitments during the rest of the week. The clerk has emailed a list of agreed meeting dates to March 2023 to the committee, which can be adjusted, if necessary.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Add to the agenda for discussion at the September meeting.

12.22 **Mr. Baker** advised that another set of keys for Playfield Rd keys have gone missing.

13.22 **It was agreed** that a penalty will be paid by the football club of £100. Another set of keys is not currently required.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Invoice KAFC for the penalty for the missing set of keys.

14.22 ANY MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Pavilion project

Next planned meeting Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.39 pm

Signed **Dated**