

## MINUTES OF KING GEORGE'S ANNUAL & ORDINARY TRUSTEE MEETING

Held on t Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm

At Christleton Methodist Church Hall

### UNSIGNED

**Present:** Cllrs Pauline Pratt (Chairman), Simon Kent, Susan Robson, Janet Brown, Elizabeth Inall, Peter Scullion Luke Henley & Littleton Parish Councillor David Brodie.

**In Attendance:** Sue Thwaite (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Tonge (prior commitment)

#### **To receive Chairman's Annual Report for King George's Fields Trust for 2017/2018**

##### Introduction

1. I am pleased to present the Chairman's Report for 2018 for the Trustee of King George's Field, Christleton.

##### The Trustee

2. The Trustee is Christleton Parish Council. However, in view of the original intention of the trust to benefit the 'five parishes' of Christleton, Littleton, Rowton, Cotton Edmunds and Cotton Abbots, the Trustee acts through a sub-committee to which representatives of Littleton and Rowton Parish Councils have been invited, known for convenience as "King George's Field Trustees". In practice, only Littleton Parish Council has sent representatives.

##### The Trust

3. The Trust is of 4.07 hectares of land close to Christleton Pit which is part of the National Memorial to His Late Majesty King George V and is to be used as a public recreation ground or playing field for the benefit of the inhabitants of the five parishes.
4. The larger part of the holding is leased to Christleton Sports Club. The remainder consists of a Play Area for young children, known as Little Heath Play Area, a Bike Trail constructed in 2014 and a grassed area known as the First Field.
5. The Trust has no financial endowment. It receives rent from the Sports Club. This is not enough to cover the running costs, so most of its expenses are met by a grant from Christleton Parish Council's general fund, and therefore indirectly from the Parish Precept.
6. Littleton Parish Council generously contributed £500 this year to the Trust's running costs and have indicated that they hope to do so again in future years

##### Activities in 2017-2018

7. The Little Heath Play Area continued to be popular, apparently attracting families from all over Chester. The Trustee conducted routine inspections and minor maintenance of the Play Area. Some repairs to the equipment have proved necessary and the seat of the net swing has been replaced. The sand and play bark were topped up with volunteer labour from the trustees and others for which the trustees were very grateful. The swan sculpture had started to rot so was removed on health and safety grounds. The Bike Track remains very popular and has not needed any maintenance work this year

##### Acknowledgements

8. Acknowledgments are due to the Parish Clerk, Susan Thwaite, who has also acted as Secretary to the Trustees and ensured that all is kept in good order and to Littleton Parish Councillor David Brodie for providing a voice at Trustee's Meetings for the other parishes.
9. The Chairman's report was approved and accepted unanimously.

## King George's Trustee Meeting

### Minutes of the last Meeting

10. The Minutes of the King Georges Trustee Meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

### King Georges Field/Christleton Sports Club

#### Report on communications with Sports Club

11. A report on rubbish being left on first field by the Sports Club container has now been removed.
12. It was agreed to contact the Sports Club to arrange a joint meeting with the Trustee and the Sports Club to discuss a number of issues.

#### Update on Fundraising plans for King George's Fields

13. Cllr Scullion has put together a list of potential contacts and organisations that could be approached to assist with raising funds toward the upkeep of KGF and it was agreed that an approach in person rather than by letter would be the best option. It was also discussed to see if some fundraising events could held by some of the contacts. Cllr Scullion will look further into approaching various contacts for sponsorship and fundraising events.

#### Update on plans for survey of Little Heath Play Area

14. Cllr Kent reported that data from the High School survey was still awaited. Cllr Pratt confirmed that she would carry out a survey of users of Little Heath Play Area over the Bank Holiday Weekend and report back to the Trustee at the next meeting.

### Monthly Inspection Reports

#### Little Heath Play Area

15. A number of issues were reported during the month and these had now all been dealt with.

#### Bike Track

16. No issues this month.

### Finance

17. The following expenditure was approved.

Payments	£	Act	Cheque No:
Gordon Emery – Repairs to chain link fence and remove dead tree and cage	56.00	Open Spaces Act 1906	0121
Rob Pierce – Groundwork Maintenance and winter jobs – jet wash play equipment and benches, treat for moss and algae and treat with Curpinol wood sealant	689.00	Open Spaces Act 1906	0122
<b>INCOME</b>			
Christleton Sports Club Rent	225.00		
<b>BANK BALANCE @:25/04/2018</b>	2,150.10		

#### To consider ordering Play Bark & Sand for LHPA

18. Cllr Kent will contact Primary School PTA to seek volunteers to assist with off-loading play bark and sand, and look into amount needed and costs for next meeting.
19. CLLR DAVID BRODIE – Cllr Brodie confirmed that he is standing down from Littleton Parish Council. The Chairman on behalf of the Trustee thanked Cllr Brodie for his support and help over the years as representative of Littleton Parish Council.

Dates of the next meetings: Tuesday 05/06/18 & 03/07/18 -Meeting closed at 8.26 pm