

MINUTES OF KING GEORGE'S ORDINARY TRUSTEE MEETING

Held on t Tuesday, 6th November 2018 at 7.30 pm

At Christleton Methodist Church Hall

SIGNED

Present: Cllrs Pauline Pratt (Chairman), Peter Tonge, Simon Kent, Susan Robson, Janet Brown, Elizabeth Inall & Luke Henley

In Attendance: Two representatives of Christleton Pre-School & Sue Thwaite (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Peter Scullion (away on business)

Minutes of the last Meeting

1. The Minutes of the King Georges Trustee Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd October 2018 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

King Georges Field/Christleton Sports Club

Report on communications with Sports Club

Item 5(a) was b/fwd

Update on request from Christleton Pre-School re use of First Field.

2. The representatives of Christleton Pre-School supplied details and a plan of their proposal to erect wooden frame building to house the pre-school facility on a section of KGF First Field the area they have requested to be considered is just inside the gate to LHPA on the left-hand side.
3. Their current premises are no longer suitable, and to comply with OFSTED registration criteria they must find alternative premises. They currently only have a small outside space which is mainly concrete, there are no sports facilities, nowhere to grow flowers & vegetables or observe nature. There is currently no internet connection or access for wheelchairs and is a shared space with six other users.
4. Should their request be successful the building would have a green roof and solar power to help the environment and they would supplement their income by offering the premises for village events.
5. Following their presentation, whilst the Council was not against the idea in principle it was explained that the object of the Charity is to provide and maintain a public recreation ground or playing field for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, and it would mean an alteration to the current scheme for the request to be considered.
Resolved: To approach the Charity Commission and Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association) to investigate whether such an amendment would be possible.
Action: Cllr Inall will approach the necessary organisations and report back to the next meeting.

Report on communications with Sports Club

6. Cllrs Kent & Brown attended a meeting with members of Christleton Sports Club to keep communications open between the two parties.
7. One of the issues raised was parking on the first field and how to maintain the condition of the verge. There have been incidences when vehicles have driven over the field earlier in the year creating ruts that resulted in damage to the groundworkers mower.
8. Several options were discussed and what expenditure would be required to solve the issue, with the Sports Club offering the use of rope to fence off the field on a temporary basis. Having considered this offer it was decided that a more permanent solution was needed, and

a fencing contractor will be approached to submit a quotation for similar fencing as has recently been installed by Christleton Pit.

Action: The Clerk to action this item.

Monthly Inspection Reports

Little Heath Play Area

9. There were no issues with the play area this month, apart from the Sand-digger still being out of action.
10. The annual inspection report from Morral Play Inspections was deferred to the December meeting.

Update on repair to Sand-digger.

11. The contractor has been having great difficulty with the manufacturers to repair this piece equipment. He is now in discussion with a local blacksmith to see if he can repair the sand-digger and will report back to the Clerk in due course.

Bike Track

12. There were no issues at the bike track this month

Update on Fundraising plans for survey of Little Heath Play Area

13. Having made further enquiries regarding setting up a Crowd Funding page, it was decided to put this on hold at the present time.
14. The Waitrose Community Charity Scheme is now up and running for the month of November.

To consider groundwork schedule for 2019/2020

15. Our current groundwork contractors has submitted his quotation for works on King George's Fields and Little Heath Play Area for the next financial year and confirmed he will hold these prices for the next three years if it is approved by the Trust.

Resolved: To accept his quotation and confirm that his contract and prices were approved for the next three years by the Trust

Action: Clerk to confirm decision with contractor.

Finance

16. The following expenditure was approved.

Payments	£	Act	Cheque No:
Rob Pierce – Groundwork Maintenance	544.00	Open Spaces Act 1906	135
Morral Play Services	54.00	Open Spaces Act 1906	136
INCOME:			
BANK BALANCE @: 25/10/18	3174.37		

To consider budget planning for 2019/2020 financial year.

17. An up-to-date spreadsheet of the current financial position of the KGF Trust was circulated to all Trustees and it was:

Resolved: To consider budget planning more fully at the next meeting following a look at financial requirements for the next financial year.

Action: Cllr Pratt and the Clerk will action this item.

Dates of the next meetings: Tuesday: 04/12/2018 & 08/01/2019 Meeting closed 8.57 pm