

Minutes of St Dennis Playing Fields held online on Tuesday 10th  
November 2020 at 7.00 pm

**Trustees Present:** Cllr Clarke, Cllr Mr N Edmunds, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harwood, Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, Cllr Lodomez, Cllr Kelsey.

**In Attendance:** Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk Debbie-Ann Harvey Bourne office administrator and one member of the public.

**PF 25/20** - Apologies None. Cllr Howard absent.

**PF 26/20** - Declarations of Interest Cllr Harwood declared and interest in item 8 on the agenda and was advised to leave the meeting whilst this item is being discussed. Cllr Clarke reminded those present that if any matter arises during the course of the meeting, advice should be sought from the clerk and the Chairman before continuing.

**PF 27/20** - Public Participation Cllr Clarke asked the member of public whether there was anything they wished to discuss under Public Participation. Item 7 was of interest to the person attending. Cllr Clarke sought the permission of all Cllrs to bring item 7 forwards on the agenda. All in favour. To discuss the results of the consultation for the banning of dogs within the Playing Field. The clerk read through the results of the online survey; it was agreed that as there were not enough respondents to this survey, alternative methods should be sought to obtain proportionate community feedback. Cllr Clarke highlighted the need for dogs to be kept on a lead within the Playing Field and the responsibility for dog owners to clean up after their animals. Cllr Mrs T Edmunds informed that a lot of the signage was missing, and this would need to be addressed. Cllr Clarke asked the member of public present how they felt about dogs using the playing field. The response was that they were in agreement with the need for further investigation / surveys, the request for dogs to be kept on a lead was a reasonable, and that dog owners should, by law, be cleaning up after their animals. Ways to gauge the opinion of Playing Field users on this subject were discussed. Action – Clerk to simplify questionnaire and forward to Cllr Mrs T Edmunds for an anonymous survey to be completed by the school. A questionnaire for park users to be considered when the Playing Field is re-opened for public use following the current lock down.

**PF 28/20** – To adopt the minutes dated 11th August 2020. **It was Resolved** – To adopt the minutes of the 11th August 2020. Proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Lodomez. Cllr Harwood and Cllr Kelsey abstained as not present at the last meeting. All others present in favour.

**PF 29/20** – Matters Arising. Cllr Mrs T Edmunds requested an update on the repair work and CCTV installation. The Clerk informed the repairs have been completed and the CCTV is on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. All other matters have been addressed.

**PF 30/20** – To agree actions to stop people climbing over the new fencing at the lower entrance. Cllr Clarke informed that youngsters were gaining access by climbing the gate post, which could damage the gate and newly installed fencing. This was discussed at length

with various options to the problem highlighted. **Action** – Clerk to contact the contractor and discuss options raised.

**PF31/20** - To discuss the results of the consultation for the banning of dogs within the playing field. Discussed under Public Participation. Cllr Harwood was placed into the waiting room.

**PF 32/20** – To discuss the replacement boundary nets in the lower section of the playing field. Deferred – This item to be investigated at a later date. Due to the extensive area that would require the nets, it was decided that regular reviews of the CCTV footage (once installed) should be carried out to assess the extent of the issue prior to quotations being sought. Proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds seconded by Cllr Taylor all in favour. Cllr Harwood was invited to re-join the meeting.

**PF 33/20** - To review signage for the Playing Field and agree costs. **It was resolved** – To purchase 3 x 'No dog fouling' signs and 5 x 'Dogs on leads' signs from Wisdom Signs. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds seconded by Cllr Taylor all in favour.

**PF 34/20 To agree the financial figures of the Playing Field budget as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Resolved** – To agree the figures as presented. Proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Harwood all in favour.

The Clerk advised that a proposal be made to Full Council to transfer the remaining budget to the Playing Field bank account.

Standing order 3e

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

**PF 35/20 Confidential items –**

None

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Chairman of St Dennis Playing Fields

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