

Preston Playing Field Trust

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Minutes of the Preston Playing Fields Trust meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025

Present: Cllrs IFI, AB, KB, RD, MF, MFx, TH, SH, IP, CW and MW.

Secretary to the Trustees: KD

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1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Ombler and McLane.
2. **Declaration of Interests**
 - 2.1 **To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.** None.
 - 2.2 **To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below.** None.
3. **Public Participation** No one present wished to speak.
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Preston Playing Field Trust Meeting held on 11th November 2024.** Minutes of the meeting held 11/11/24 were confirmed as a true record.
5. **Secretary's Report and Correspondence –**
 - a. The annual return for the Preston Playing Field Charity no. 504438 was due on 31.1.2025 and hasn't been completed for a number of years. Contact has been made and advice given on how best to resolve.
 - b. A quote from November 2024 for works to the Pavilion for £1,700.00 was highlighted.
 - c. Play inspection forms have been circulated to Cllrs RD and SH and Pavilion Inspection forms have been prepared for appointed persons.
 - d. The reconciliation of accounts against the bank statements are in hand. Bank balances are as follows:

Closing balance of HSBC charity account at 31st December 2024 = £2756.77

Holdings of CCLA account at 31st December 2024 = £21,348.35

Bank statements awaited, and all outstanding invoices have been paid including the play inspection report of £150.00, Business Stream £134.29 and Corona Energy.

A quote has been received and presented to the PPC for the swings on the play area.
6. **Chairman's / Councillor updates since the previous meeting and Lease update** - a draft lease will be drawn up for the field and pavilion. Sample leases are being sought. PPC / PFT are responsible for the field, pitches, play area, grass cutting, pavilion and play equipment.

It was suggested that the VE Day celebrations and other events be held on the playing field.

Cllr MW and IFI have met the dog warden on site. The local police are willing to jointly patrol with the dog warden and have been put in touch with each other. Question has been raised regarding the number of

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complaints made to ERYC about dog foul, how many patrols have been carried out and how many fixed penalty notices have been issued.

There is a balance to be met for responsible dog owners and the residents and children to use the area safely. Irresponsible dog owners are not helping the situation.

Residents are invited to comment to the office.

7. To discuss Pavilion update and note play area / pavilion inspectors as agreed – Cllrs AB and MF (with N) will be Preston Pavilion and Preston Property inspectors. They will look at the estimate of repairs work and report back. Play area inspections will be carried out by Cllr RD and SH who will submit inspection forms on a monthly basis.

8. To receive Public Space Protection Order update – Feedback and complaints from residents are been collated.

9. To consider funding sources for future projects – Fundraising events and days should be held on the field.

10. Members' points of information and items for the next agenda – Holding the village show on the field instead of Nags Head.

Meeting closed at 21.27. End.