

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE
Thursday 22 May 2025 at 8pm

PRESENT : Councillors Browning, Haslam, Hasnip, Hooker, Kendall, Roustoby, Varey

Clerk J Price

PF1/25	Election of Chair for the Municipal Year 2025-26
	Proposed by Councillor Varey and seconded by Councillor Browning that Councillor Hooker be elected as Chair for the Municipal Year 2025-26
	Resolved: that Councillor Hooker be appointed as Chair for the Municipal Year 2025-26
PF2/25	Election of a Vice-Chair for Municipal year 2025-26
	Proposed by Councillor Browning and seconded by Councillor Varey that Councillor Kendall be elected as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2025-26
	Resolved: that Councillor Kendall be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2025-26
PF3/25	Apologies for absence
	No apologies were received.
PF4/25	Declarations of interest – Members Code of Conduct. To record any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda.
	No declarations were received relating to matters on this agenda.
PF5/25	Review of usage of the Playing Fields
	The Clerk reported that currently the Playing Fields were home to two cricket clubs and a youth football club. Two further cricket teams hired it on an ad hoc basis for evening games in the summer and a croquet club was interested in creating two croquet lawns. The goalkeeper trainer had given notice and had left on 23 May 2025. Councillors were pleased that it was being well used and welcomed the croquet club proposals as it would extend the period that the Playing Fields were being actively used.
	Resolved: that the reports be noted.
PF6/25	Review of natural play area project
	Councillors discussed the implementation of the natural play area noting that complications had arisen because of the involvement of multiple contractors and organisations. Future projects would benefit from a clearer specification and a designated link between the Parish Council and the contractor. However, it was recognised that the end result was a positive improvement and would form the basis for future investment. The meadow seeding would now take place in the late summer/early autumn. Councillors commented on the need for the swings to be painted and bird deterrent plastic spikes to be installed.
	Resolved:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the report be noted; ii. that a single point of contact be designated for any future projects; iii. that meadow seeding takes place in late summer/early autumn, and iv. that the Clerks seeks a quotation for painting the swings and installing bird deterrent spikes.
PF7/25	Consideration of additional play equipment
	<p>The Clerk submitted details of various packages of gym equipment from a range of companies for both children and adults. Councillors considered the options</p> <p>Resolved: that it be recommended to the Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Sovereign Health and Well-Being Package 2 be ordered for the Playing Fields at a cost of £5569, subject to conformation it is suitable for Council Play Areas ii. that the outdoor table tennis table from Sunshine Gym be ordered at a cost of £741 plus £275 for installation iii. that the Clerk seeks confirmation form ERYC that they are content with the proposals.
PF8/25	Identification of further work required to Playing Fields or Pavilion
	<p>Councillors discussed potential further work required including an electric check, fire extinguisher service and signage. The Clerk submitted a quotation from ERYC for an A3 sign for the Play Area.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the quotation of £300 for a sign for the Play Area be accepted ii. that 'no dogs' signs be obtained and installed on the gate and play area fencing iii. that the Clerk arranges for the fire extinguisher service and electric check.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed as a true record Date
(Chairman)