

Meeting:	KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUST 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm
Council Members in attendance:	Cllr. Phillipa Simms, Chair (PS) Cllr. Tamsin Bromley-Rahike (TBR) arrived after start of meeting Cllr. John Keech (JK) Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS) Cllr Eric Cooper (EC) Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF) Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL) arrived at 7.15pm Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT)
Apologies received:	Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW) Cllr John Reid (JR) Cllr. Sarah Walker (SW)
Non-attendance:	Cllr. Dora Ornithari Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP)
Borough Council Members Present:	Cllr. Jane Walker (arrived after start of meeting) Cllr. Jon Abbott (arrived after start of meeting)
Clerk to the Council:	Rosemary Plum (RP)
Public Attendance:	None

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW)
- Cllr. John Reid (JR)
- Cllr. Sarah Walker (SW)

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Phillipa Simms declared an interest in Item 10a as Chair of Village Hall committee.

3. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting

PROPOSED: Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

SECONDED: Cllr. John Keech

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes (*for information only*)

Covered under items on Agenda for this meeting.

6. Clerk's Report (*for information only*)

Covered under items on Agenda for this meeting.

7. Playing Field

a) Outdoor gym – update

- Work is progressing well on the installation of the new outdoor gym on the Playing Field.
- This equipment has been funded by Bedford Borough Council. No Parish Council funds have been allocated to this facility.
- The Parish Council will be responsible for future maintenance of the equipment.
- Work should be completed by 30th November 2023 in line with Borough Council requirement.

b) Car Park – update

- RP has received several quotes for the creation of further parking spaces on the Playing Field. These range from £4,500 to £18,500.
- RP will discuss individual quotes with each company to understand comparative costings.
- Any work will need to be carried out in the Spring. Winter probably not suitable due to weather.
- Any topsoil removed from the Playing Field to be repurposed for burials grounds and allotments.

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8. Football Club

a) Update

- 10 youth members supported AL in poppy selling activities and a further 2 members of the Football Club laid a wreath at the memorial during the Remembrance service.
- Quarterly meeting between Parish Council and Football Club representatives was held 20th November 2023.
- FC advised of Parish Church 'Party in the Park' booking in June 2024.

9. Millennium Park

a) Meeting with BeActive – update

- I. PS/NS/RP has very constructive meeting with Graham Skinner from BeActive and we expect to receive ideas and support in due course.
- II. Discussions around activities included facilities for a full range of areas and interests including hobby-type groups e.g. Men in Sheds, safeguarding groups for young women, childrens' activities etc.

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- III. Agreement that public consultation is a good idea for input from residents regarding use of the space.
- IV. Stakeholder Group will be formed in the New Year with local residents and stakeholders and a restricted number of parish councillors.
- V. RP looking into funding and grant opportunities.
- VI. Need to advise residents of next steps, asking people to come forward for the stakeholder group.

b) Grounds Maintenance

- I. RP to ask JDT Contractors for ground clearance quote to include pruning of all trees and hedges, at the discretion of the company with regard to the work required.
- II. Ongoing maintenance to be scheduled and included in precept.

10. Accounts to pay

a) Clapham Colts FC – grant application £3,612.00

- I. Club members include 98 young people from Clapham and 52 from other local village.

PROPOSAL to ratify application for annual sponsorship grant of £3,612 for Clapham Colts FC.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

SECONDED: Cllr. John Keech

VOTE: Unanimous

b) Payment of accounts

- I. Bank account balance at 21/11/2023 is £2,546.16
- II. Accounts to ratify:
 - Outdoor gym 25% deposit of £9,240 to be paid to The Outdoor Gym Co and refunded to Clapham Parish Council by Bedford Borough plus VAT to be reclaimed by Clapham Parish Council.

PROPOSAL to ratify monthly accounts as presented.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Philippa Simms

SECONDED: Cllr. John Keech

(AL arrived at 7.15pm)

11. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th December 2023

in the Methodist Church Hall, Clapham

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7:15pm

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	19 th December 2023

Chair