

Meeting: KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUST  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00pm

Council Members in attendance:

Cllr. Phillipa Simms, Chair (PS)  
Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG)  
Cllr. John Keech (JK) (part)  
Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL)  
Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW)  
Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS)  
Cllr. Sarah Walker (SW)  
Cllr. James Petrides (JP)

Apologies received:

Cllr. John Reid (JR) (delayed)  
Cllr Eric Cooper (EC)  
Cllr. Tamsin Bromley-Rahike (TBR)  
Cllr. Ali Dove (AD)  
Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF)  
Cllr. Jon Abbot (JA)

Non-attendance: Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP), Cllr Charlie Tompkins (CT)

Borough Council Members Present:  
Cllr. Jane Walker

Clerk to the Council: On leave

Secretariat for meeting: Cllr Sarah Walker

Public Attendance: Mayor Tom Wootton

## Minutes (Draft)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr. John Reid (JR) (post meeting)
- Cllr Eric Cooper (EC)
- Cllr. Tamsin Bromley-Rahike (TBR)
- Cllr. Ali Dove (AD)
- Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF)
- Cllr. Jon Abbot (JA)

### 2. Declarations of Interest

3. Cllr. Adrian Langley declared an interest for Item 7 -Playing Field and 8-Football Club.

### 4. Open Forum

None

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## **5. Minutes of Previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

SECONDED: Cllr. John Keech

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

None reported

## **7. Clerk's Report (*for information only*)**

None

## **8. Playing Field**

### **a) All Weather Pitch proposal**

- PS updated about progress of the Milton Road planning application, which was now due to go before the Bedford Planning Committee on Monday 25 March.
- In negotiations various suggestions for sporting provision had been dismissed due to lack of benefit to Clapham. The suggestion of an all-weather pitch on the Playing Fields had been proposed and met with widespread support, bringing income to Clapham, as well as serving the community. But despite alignment on this with the developers, it was not included in the proposed planning application which has been expedited to be heard within days, without updated all-weather sporting provision proposals.
- Our objection still stands while our concerns have not been addressed in the application.

PROPOSAL: To push in the planning meeting for an adjournment until the April committee at which the inclusion of an all-weather pitch should be added in.

PROPOSED: Cllr Ian Gaskin

SECONDED: Cllr Phillipa Simms

## **9. Football Club**

### **a) Update**

Cllr Adrian Langley gave an update on successful season.

Noted that a future all-weather pitch would alleviate some of the challenges with delayed matches due to weather.

## **10. Millennium Park**

### **a) Update on Project Steering Group**

- With key members absent, the focus remained on working through the BRCC document. To be carried forward to next meeting.

## **11. Accounts to pay**

### **a) Payment of accounts**

Accounts to be ratified were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

SECONDED: Cllr. Michael Walmsley

## **12. Correspondence**

None

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Methodist Church Hall