

Meeting:	KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUST 16 th September 2025 7.00pm
Council Members in attendance:	Cllr. Phillipa Simms, Chair (PS) Cllr. Sarah Walker, Vice Chair (SW) Cllr. John Keech (JK) Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP) Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF) Cllr. James Petrides (JP) – arrived at 19.15 Cllr. Eric Cooper (EC) Cllr. Tamsin Bromley-Rahike (TBR) Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL) Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW) Cllr. Ali Dove (AD) Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT) – arrived at 19.10
Apologies received:	Cllr. John Reid (JR) Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS)
Non-attendance:	None
Borough Council Member:	Borough Cllr. Jon Abbott (JA) – arrived at 19.14 Borough Cllr. Jane Walker (JW)
Clerk to the Council:	Rosemary Plum (RP)
Public Attendance	None

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr. John Reid
- Cllr. Nigel Sparrow

2. Declarations of Interest

AL – Item 8

EC – Matters related to allotments

JF – Matters related to allotments

3. Open Forum

Nothing to report

4. Minutes of Previous meeting

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

PROPOSED: Cllr John Keech

SECONDED: Cllr Sarah Walker

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

Nothing to report.

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

- Village Hall Car park repairs – Borough contractors to go ahead with patching holes. Costs will be shared between Parish Council and Village Hall. **RP**
- Dealing with a lot of complaints from residents receiving PCNs when parking in Village Hall car park. Borough grass cutting team have also received PCNs from passing the ANPR camera when accessing the playing field.
- Planning for Millennium Park redevelopment is moving forward. See item 9a) on this Agenda. **AD/RP**

7. Playing Field

a) Update

- I. John Burnage will be retiring as Caretaker for the Playing Fields and Allotments at the end of September this year, after 17 years service.
- II. RP has a possible replacement who has already completed a one week trial. **RP**

8. Football Club

a) Update

- I. Season started last week with teams already getting good results.
- II. Ongoing discussions about waste disposal.
- III. Thanks given to AL for his waste recycling efforts.

I. Millennium Park

a) Update

AD reported the following actions:

- I. RP has done walk-round with JDT Arboriculture Contractors and agreed the following work to be undertaken (with the budget already ring fenced for development of Millennium Park): **RP**
 - Cut down boundary hedges
 - Review of trees for pruning or removal
 - Clearance and improvements to the park's path surfaces.
 - Clearance of area under fruit trees with addition of bark chippings to surface to create an accessible Community Orchard
 - Creation of borders for planting bulbs
- II. Offer of 2-3days groundwork support from Milton Ernest Garden Centre.
- III. RP to contact local craftsman to visit and quote for refurbishment /renewal of wooden sculptures. **RP**
- IV. Initial focus will be on creation of space to enhance community Mental & Physical Wellbeing including:

- Pond – see below
 - Sculptures – see above
 - Beekeeping – we have been approached by professionals looking to work with us to encourage bees in the park
 - Bulb planting – RP has acquired quantity from Borough. JDT to create borders for planting. **RP**
- V. Borough Flood Officer has asked Parish to consider creating ponds to help with flooding issues. Millennium Park would be ideally suited for this. RP spoken to Nichola Scholfield at BRCC who will provide contacts for pond design and safety info and also JDT Contractors who are able to undertake this type of work. **RP**
- VI. Communication of ‘main headlines’ through:
- Steering group friends and family
 - Feature in December Village News
 - Parish website
 - Facebook updates
 - Village Hall screen
- AD/RP**
- VII. Launch Friends Group to support the plan – initial approach to 22 people who gave their names at Spring Open Day events. **AD/RP**
- VIII. RP to produce costed plan for the development and management outlined above **AD/RP**
- IX. RP has contacted suppliers and asked for donations/discounts for:
- Picnic tables & chairs
 - Gazebo/ covered performance area
 - Community Orchard - Milton Ernest Garden Centre will donate fruit trees
- RP**
- X. AD to create calendar of tasks and events to include Friends group. **AD**
- XI. Promotion of Park to groups and individuals on an ongoing basis. **AD/RP**
- XII. Aim to launch from Easter next year possibly with Easter Egg Hunt in park. **AD/RP**
- XIII. Signage across the village and at the Park access points When ready to re-open **AD/RP**
- XIV. Keep steering cttee small and parish council will be ultimate decision makers. **RP**
- AD**

9. Finance

a) Payment of accounts

Accounts to be ratified were circulated to members prior to the meeting.
 PROPOSED: Cllr. Sarah Walker
 SECONDED: Cllr. Allan Prudham

b) MD&H Clapham Sports – Grant application

See Parish Council minutes.

10. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st October 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Clapham

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.30pm

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	21 st October 2025

Chair