

Meeting:	KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD TRUST 19 th May 2026 at 7pm
Council Members in attendance:	Cllr. Phillipa Simms, Chair (PS) Cllr. Sarah Walker, Vice Chair (SW) Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF) Cllr. Tamsin Bromley-Rahike (TBR) – in attendance for 30mins only Cllr. Michael Walmsley (MW) Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS) Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL) Cllr. Eric Cooper (EC) Cllr. Chris Hardwick (CH) Cllr John Reid (JR) Cllr. John Keech (JK) Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG)
Apologies received:	Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP) Cllr. James Petrides (JP) Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT)
Non-attendance:	
Borough Council Member:	Borough Cllr. Jane Walker (JW) – late arrival Borough Cllr. Jon Abbott (JA)
Clerk to the Council:	Rosemary Plum (RP)
Public Attendance	None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Election of Chair

PROPOSAL: Cllr Phillipa Simms to continue as Chair KGV Playing Field Trust.

PROPOSED: Cllr Adrian Langley

SECONDED: Cllr John Keech

VOTE: Unanimously in favour

2. Election of Vice Chair

PROPOSAL: Cllr Sarah Walker to continue as Vice Chair of KGV Playing Field Trust.

PROPOSED: Cllr Phillipa Simms

SECONDED: Cllr Ian Gaskin

VOTE: Unanimously in favour

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr. Allan Prudham (AP)
- Cllr. James Petrides (JP)
- Cllr. Charlie Tompkins (CT)

4. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

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 Sarah Walker

6. Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

7. Clerks Report *(for information only)*

Nothing to report – all covered under other Items.

I. Playing Field

II. Update

Nothing to report.

III. Play Equipment upgrade

- IV. RP reported some items of playground equipment are no longer safe to use and, longer term, would cost more to repair than to replace. The Parish does have S106 funds to be assigned to new sports equipment before July 2027 and RP looking into possibility of using this money to renew the children's play equipment.

- V. PROPOSAL: To remove the damaged play equipment including the roundabout, zip wire and make good the flooring around these areas.

PROPOSED: Cllr Phillipa Simms

SECONDED: Cllr Sarah Walker

VOTE: Unanimously in favour

- VI. Councillors (and some residents by email) have reported that play areas in The Glebe are in a very poor state of repair. The large play area is responsibility of Bedford Borough and all other areas are the responsibility of Persimmon Homes to maintain. Councillors were asked to send RP photos of the specific damage in order to advise Borough of this situation.

RP

8. Football Club

a) Update

- I. End of season presentation event will be held Saturday, 13th June 2026. All Parish Councillors are welcome to attend.

9. Millennium Park

a) Update

- VII. Steering Group continues to plan ideas for the future with a real energy behind the group.
- VIII. Positive response received from BRCC who are keen to continue being involved.
- IX. Thanks to IG and his wife who uncovered the stepping-stone path which will be cleaned.
- X. Renovation work on the statues will be started in the coming month.
- XI. Summer Picnic in the Park event planned for June 28th from 2-6pm.
- XII. Next online meeting with the group scheduled for 21st May.

10. Finance

a) Payment of accounts

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

PROPOSED: Cllr. Sarah Walker

SECONDED: Cllr. John Keech

b) Direct Debit Review

The following DD's are in place:

- HMRC
- EDF ENERGY
- WAVE
- NEST

11. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 16th June 2026 in the Methodist Church Hall, Clapham

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.20pm

Signed as a true reflection of the meeting:

Signed	
Dated	16 th June 2025

Chair