

MPC Recreation Field Meeting – January 2022

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MINUTES of the Meeting of **Milland Recreation Ground**, Charity no. 1073462,
 held on **12th January 2022**

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Present: Mr. J Parker (in the Chair) (CJP), Mr. C Stopher (CS), Mrs. L Myles (LM), Mr A Farley, Sir J Wigram, Mrs. J Pilkington

1. **Apologies** – Mrs. S Hoar, Mr. M Cusack, Mrs. M Truss
2. **Minutes of the Meeting – 24 November 2021** – Approval **proposed** and **seconded**
3. **Finance Report – V Williams**

a. Payments for Approval

creation Field - Statement of A/cs January 2022					
Charity number 1063462					
rought forward 27.11.21		£3,065.04			
Previously Made					
Payments Made	Description		Net	VAT	Gross
Total			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recieved					
Payments Recieved	Description				
Total			£0.00		
for Approval					
Payments For Approval	Description		Net	VAT	Gross
Rob Findlay	Maintenance November-December		£490.00		£490.00
Total payments due		£490.00			
Estimated Balance		£2,575.04			

These Payments were Approved.

Action: Clerk

b. Internal Audit

- The Clerk reported that in the past internal audits have been carried out yearly at some considerable expense. In line with this the accounts had been submitted for examination in December 2021.
- The Auditor (Mark Mulberry) advised that due to the low number of transactions and total financial turnover a yearly audit is not required.
- Following further discussion with CJP, the Clerk proposed that yearly audits cease but that bank reconciliations would continue to be submitted to ensure that there were no errors. This was **agreed**.

4. **Tower Unit Surface**

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- After the installation of the Tower Unit in the playground Rob Findlay had trialled using locally sourced wood chippings as a more affordable safety surface.
- The Clerk reported that concerns had been raised by Parishioners that this new surface was unsuitable as it was causing issues such as dust getting in children’s eyes and staining on clothes.
- It was **agreed** that the Council would revert to ordering play grade playbark.

Action: Clerk

5. Playground Equipment

a. Replacement of Trim Trail

- Following the last meeting the Clerk reported that she had contacted both Hollycombe School and Milland Nursery as a first stage of consultation.
- She proposed that an A3 poster of each of the four proposals imagery be produced and this should be displayed in both locations with stickers provided to allow the children to physically vote on their favourite proposal.
- This was **approved**. However, CJP did request that as a first option the 4 companies should be approached to ask if they were able to provide any printed imagery.

Action: Clerk

6. Tennis Courts

a. Finances

- Due to the previously debated issues regarding the historical reclaiming of VAT discussion by the Council were continuing with the intention to move forward.
- It had previously been proposed that a set amount should be paid by MTC to the PC as ‘rent’, allowing the PC to take on responsibility for paying all invoices without any further transfer of funds. The amount decided would have to be enough to cover any works as well as the regular (10-15 year) resurfacing.
- AF raised his concerns regarding the financial risk of this proposed plan if unforeseen expenses were incurred or the figure decided upon was insufficient. It was agreed that as the Council does not hold sufficient reserves to cover any shortfall this would not be a suitable plan.
- It was therefore proposed that a compromise be reached which would reduce but not eliminate the amount of VAT paid by MTC:
 - PC to continue to receive and ringfence funds from MTC for the payment of the considerable resurfacing invoice when necessary.
 - All other invoices to be paid including the VAT by MTC as and when they arise including the works to be carried out in April 2022.
- This was **agreed** and the Clerk would contact Mark Mulberry to validate the legitimacy of the plan and subsequently communicate with MTC.

Action: Clerk

7. Bonfire

a. Extension of hidden hardstanding (road and bonfire site)

- There was considerable discussion with previous organisers of the Rural Fair and the Bonfire Committee who were both involved with the original road installation. The general consensus was that extending the road would not make a great enough difference to justify the quite considerable cost and it was **agreed** that this matter would not proceed any further.

8. Date of next meeting – 09 March 2022

Chairman: Date:

These minutes are unconfirmed until signed by the Chairman.

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