

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOLPIT RECREATION GROUND CHARITY
HELD ON MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10.00 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Dr Geake (Chair), Mr Foster, Mrs Jenkins, Mr Gallagher, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Walker and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Symons.

2. **To approve accounts for payment.** There were none.

3. **To consider scale of rental charges for hiring the recreation field and take any necessary action.**

Suggested fees and updated notes for hire of the recreation field were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The following fees and notes were approved for all future booking.

a) Residents of Woolpit for social events for invited friends and family - £50 (Not applicable to Woolpit residents booking on behalf of a non-village individual or organisation, even if the event is private)

b) Village organisations and village charities - £50

c) Charities which are not village charities - £70

d) Commercial/statutory bookings and Residents of Woolpit running a paid entry event for their own benefit - £100.

The decision of the category into which a booking falls lies with the Woolpit Recreation Ground Charity and is final.

Notes:

1) car parking is only allowed on the western side of the recreation ground where the grass has been reinforced with mesh. Vehicles must not be driven or parked anywhere else.

2) Whilst it may be possible to use the grassed area alongside the village hall in conjunction with a village hall event, the recreation ground is open to the public at all times and therefore exclusive use cannot be granted.

3) A security deposit is to be paid when the booking is made. This deposit is held against damage to the recreation ground. It is payable in addition to the hire fee.

4) If the event does not proceed and the WRGC is notified at least two weeks before the date of the event, a cancellation fee of 40% will be deducted and the remainder of the security deposit returned.

5) The hire fee is to be paid at least two weeks in advance of the hire date. If not so paid the WRGC reserves the right to assume that the booking is not required.

4. **To consider refunding hire fee for Harley Davidson Riders Club as field not used 22 October 2023 due to adverse weather and take any necessary action.**

Due to the inclement and water logged ground HDRC decided not to use the field. It was unanimously agreed to refund the hire fee and the security deposit with a letter of thanks for deciding not to use the field during the bad weather which saved the field from being damaged. *Action: the Clerk*

5. **To consider metal bird deterrents for the swing frames and take any necessary action.**

The plastic deterrents have been vandalised. It was agreed to replace with metal at a cost of £37.92. *Action: the Clerk*

6. **To receive an update on the proposed assignment of the Lease from the Trustees of Woolpit Cricket Club to a new company formed to run the Woolpit Cricket Club and confirm as Trustees of Woolpit Recreation Ground requirements for consent and take any necessary action.**

Although this was mentioned at the meeting 19 October, a further meeting needs to be held as the Clerk now has copies of what our solicitor at Ellisons has sent to Ashtons who are acting for the Cricket Club. It was agreed that Dr Geake would meet

with Mr Artindale, WCC Secretary with Mrs Fuller in attendance to take notes and Mrs Ewans for legal information. Dr Geake would then come back with recommendations for consideration. This was unanimously agreed.

7. To receive an update on the lease for Woolpit Tennis Club and take any necessary action.

A meeting needs to be arranged between Dr Geake and Freddie Hamilton, Chair of Woolpit Tennis Club, with Mrs Fuller taking notes and Mrs Ewans for legal information. Recommendations for a way to move forward will then be presented to all Trustees for consideration. This was unanimously agreed.

8. To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that the minutes of the meeting 3 October need to be approved and signed. These were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

9. Date and time of the next meeting of Woolpit Recreation Ground Charity – Monday 4 December 2023. Noted.

The meeting closed at 22.18 p.m.

Signed.....approved.....

Dated.....4 December 2023.....