

**Foulde Recreation Ground Charity
Registered number 265977**

**ANNUAL MEETING
6.30pm, Wednesday 21st June 2023, Foulde Village Hall**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present as Trustee representatives: Mr S Parker (Chair), Mr R Cooper, Mr J Green, Ms B Parnham, Mr S Pye

In attendance: Mrs J Lawson, taking minutes

To welcome residents to the meeting

No residents present.

To receive Chair's remarks

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

To approve Minutes of Annual meeting held 27th April 2022

With a change under Item 5 from 'parish council' to 'Recreation Ground Charity', Minutes were approved.

To receive 2022/23 annual accounts, and to decide upon any further action(s)

Accounts were approved, with the proviso that it would be prudent to make a distinction between fees for use of the recreation ground and donations to the Recreation Ground charity, versus takings for any particular event which were intended for another cause. Organisers of future events to be informed. **ACTION: Parish Council Clerk.** It was confirmed that the Charity will retain and continue with the current Barclays bank account.

To consider future strategy, and to decide upon any further action(s)

Ms Parnham outlined the family day which is planned for September. This would include activities such as rounders, a barbeque, and aim to bring together the village. The village hall will be part of the event, available for refreshments including social bar. It was agreed that should Ms Parnham require funding to enable this event, it would be made available.

A query was raised about the height of the grass after mowing, since it appeared it may be too long for convenient use for football. It was noted that, given the current very dry weather, mowing to a slightly greater height prevented a desiccated and brown appearance of the field. Trustee representatives broadly agreed that it would be helpful to define an area specifically for football and mow that to a shorter length. Mr Pye agreed to inform the grounds maintenance contractor. **ACTION: Mr Pye**

Trees at the rear (far end from Vicarage Road) – these have been removed by a local contractor, for free in exchange for the wood.

Hedge along Vicarage Road boundary. Free native hedging will be ordered from the Woodland Trust. **ACTION: Parish Council Clerk**

A previous suggestion to install a zipwire was confirmed. It was hoped that matching funding could be sourced. Ms Parnham agreed to take the lead on the project. It was recommended that the cost should first be established. **ACTION: Ms Parnham**

Bringing the Governing Document up to date. The Chair explained the background to the current situation. As a default and as a result of the gradual loss of members of the management committee of the Recreation Ground, the parish council had over the years taken over the management of and responsibility for the Recreation Ground charity. It was therefore necessary to regularise the legal situation to reflect the current real situation. A quote had been received from the charities consultant who had worked on the same issue for the Village Hall.

It was proposed that the quote be accepted, subject to the restraint of the Recreation Ground's limited funds. It was agreed that up to two days' consulting time be approved, but with the preference that less time would be needed. **ACTION: Parish Council Clerk**

A further suggestion was made by Trustee representatives that regular car boots be held as fundraisers on the recreation ground. Mr Cooper undertook to research other car boots and potential parties who may offer to run them. **ACTION: Mr Cooper**. It was proposed that Foulden Facebook page advertise the suggestion.

Date of next Annual Meeting

To be decided at a later date.

Meeting closed at 6.58pm