THE FRANK MONTGOMERY PLAYING FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30PM IN WICKHAMBREAUX VILLAGE HALL, THE STREET, WICKHAMBREAUX

Present: Linda Lodge
Caroline Rees
Paul Mills
Elizabeth Stewart
Mary Cruse

Chenice Howard-Sparkes, Secretary

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
L. Lodge welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Fiona Dawson (Other Commitments).

2. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
Charles Rees put himself forward for co-option onto the Committee, which was unanimously agreed.

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022**
The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 July 2022 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Item 07(9) – C. Rees reported that a plaque on one of the new benches was recently vandalised. Mickle Creative Solutions will reprint the missing lettering and the plaque will be refitted in due course.
Item 08 – C. Rees reported that the new signage for the nature area has been installed. L. Lodge wished to thank M. Cruse and C. Rees for all their efforts in designing and organising the signage.
Item 10 – C. Rees reported that she has not heard further from the resident in Ickham regarding their request for a memorial bench.

5. **BASKETBALL HOOP QUOTATIONS**
C. Rees reported that she has received two quotations for the installation of a basketball hoop and surrounding hard surfacing in excess of £10,000. The two companies and Majestic Garden Care, the ground maintenance contractor, recommended situating the basketball hoop near the existing play equipment, with the hoop facing the wider field for safety reasons. The Committee will fundraise towards the cost and obtain quotations closer to the time due to the current fluctuating price of materials.

6. **40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT 2023**
L. Lodge proposed having a BBQ and picnic celebration event, with food priced at cost and attendees invited to bring their own picnic. The Committee also supported the suggestion raised by a resident at the last meeting for a children's treasure hunt to find 40 ruby marbles. M. Cruse suggested booking a band and P. Mills suggested having an 'Open Mike' session for local groups to join in after the main band, which was unanimously agreed. Ch. Rees suggested having a free tombola, similar to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event, and a dedicated drinks stall.

L. Lodge proposed focusing advertisement locally in Wickhambreaux, Stodmarsh, Grove, Ickham and Seaton. As attendees are expected to be local, no additional parking area will be allocated. L. Lodge suggested making it a free ticketed event to get an idea of numbers for catering purposes, which was unanimously agreed.

7. **CLASSIC CAR SHOW 2024**

C. Rees reported that Sunday 19 May 2024 has been earmarked as the date for the next Classic Car Show. P. Mills suggested having five custom trophies for the classic cars (categories to be agreed), which he agreed to organise.

8. **MEMBER TRAVEL EXPENSES**

The Committee had no objection in principle to providing a contribution towards travel expenses for members, however, members felt it would be preferable to try and accommodate lifts between members in the first instance. F. Dawson is the only current member not within walking distance.

9. **EVENTS 2022-2023**

C. Rees confirmed there are currently no events planned.

10. **FINANCE**

The current bank balance is £4,743.73. C. Rees reported that the only known pending expenditure is the net amount towards the new shed.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) C. Rees reported that the Village Hall Committee has agreed to the Playing Field Committee's request to install a shed in the rear garden of the village hall for storage purposes. The shed will be owned by the Parish Council and will be used predominantly to store the BBQ and gas cannisters safely. A site meeting was undertaken with a representative from the Village Hall Committee to agree the final location and a 7ft x 4ft shed will be purchased and installed in due course. C. Rees asked for volunteers to assist with building and installing the shed.

(ii) C. Rees reported that during the recent quarterly inspection undertaken by KOMPAN, the inspector highlighted a low risk issue with the new all-inclusive roundabout in that the roundabout was no longer sitting flush with the surrounding surface. C. Rees informed Playdale, who installed the roundabout, who agreed to send an engineer out to address the fault. C. Rees checked post-installation photos and noted that the roundabout was not installed precisely flush with the surrounding surface. The engineer has since been out and has relevelled the roundabout, although claimed the roundabout was vandalised which is why it wasn't sitting level.

(iii) The Committee wished to record thanks to C. Rees for all her efforts since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.21pm

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....