THE FRANK MONTGOMERY PLAYING FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2025 AT 6.00PM IN WICKHAMBREAUX VILLAGE HALL, THE STREET, WICKHAMBREAUX

Present: Linda Lodge
Caroline Rees (C.Rees)
Elizabeth Stewart

Philippa Barber (Parish Council)

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 Mary (Illness), Charles Rees (Other Commitments) and Paul Mills (Other Commitments).

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2024**
The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 September 2024 were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
4 – C. Rees reported that three quotations have been received and an application submitted for match funding to CCC (Canterbury City Council). CCC wished to clarify whether planning permission is required so C. Rees contacted the preferred supplier who confirmed that the height of the equipment is below the threshold for planning permission. C. Howard-Sparkes will also double check with CCC's Planning Department for additional confirmation.
6 – C. Rees reported that the Parish Council agreed to instruct Majestic Garden Care at their meeting on 19 November 2024 to undertake maintenance of the nature area going forward. A letter was delivered to all neighbouring residents to remind them to keep their vegetation cut back from the boundary.
7 – C. Rees reported that the Parish Council instructed Clearwater to undertake cleaning and treatment of the play equipment at their meeting on 15 October 2025, which has been completed week commencing 21 October 2024.
10(i) – C. Rees reported that the temporary section of fencing in private ownership adjacent to the public footpath running from The List to Seaton Road has not been replaced since the last meeting.
10(ii) – C. Rees reported that the adjacent landowner has not cut back vegetation from the boundary since the last meeting.
10(iii) – C. Rees reported that no further instances of golf have been reported.

4. **CLASSIC CAR SHOW**
P. Barber has agreed to take the lead in obtaining raffle prizes. The letter requesting prizes is in the process of being finalised, and an additional leaflet will be included with the letter offering advertisement space in the event programme. Additional volunteers are in place to assist with the parking rota, signage, bar staff, BBQ, raffle, tombola, dog show, etc. The site plan will be finalised once all the activities have been confirmed.

This is the first year that a programme is being offered in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Frank Montgomery Playing Field. 11 classic car show bookings have been confirmed to date.

5. **EVENTS 2025-2026**
No events planned except the Classic Car Show discussed under Item 04 above.

6. **FINANCE**

The current bank balance as at 14 January 20252 is £7,328.85. C. Rees requested permission to reimburse herself for a new bottle of gas for the BBQ for the sum of £49.50, which was unanimously agreed.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) The BBQ was hired out for the first time to an event run by the School, which was used very successfully. The BBQ was cleaned to a high standard by the School after the event and a contribution paid towards the cost of the gas used.

(ii) E. Stewart reported that she has made a start on summarising the history of the Frank Montgomery Playing Field.

(iii) C. Rees reported that quotations are being sought to repair/replace sections of the chain link boundary fence as required.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting, was confirmed as Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 6pm, subject to the Village Hall being available.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....