THE FRANK MONTGOMERY PLAYING FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 02 JUNE 2026 AT 5.30PM IN WICKHAMBREAUX VILLAGE HALL, WICKHAMBREAUX

Present: Linda Lodge
Caroline Rees (C. Rees)
Charles Rees (CH. Rees)
Tim Archer
Elizabeth Stewart
Oscar
Paul Mills (from 5.41pm, Item 08)

Chenice Howard-Sparkes (Secretary)

3 Members of the Public

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2026-2027**
L. Lodge nominated C. Rees for the position of Chairman. E. Stewart seconded that C. Rees be elected for the year 2026-2027 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2026-2027**
C. Rees nominated L. Lodge for the position of Vice-Chairman. T. Archer seconded that L. Lodge be elected for the year 2026-2027 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

3. **ELECTION OF TREASURER FOR 2026-2027**
L. Lodge nominated C. Rees for the position of Treasurer. E. Stewart seconded that C. Rees be elected for the year 2026-2027 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

4. **ELECTION OF SECRETARY FOR 2026-2027**
L. Lodge nominated C. Howard-Sparkes for the position of Secretary. Oscar seconded that C. Howard-Sparkes be elected for the year 2026-2027 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
C. Rees thanked everyone for attending. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from John Cotton, Tracy Harris, Oban and Mary.

6. **MINUTES FROM MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2025**
It was proposed by E. Stewart, seconded by L. Lodge and unanimously AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2025 be accepted as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**
Item 06 – C. Rees confirmed that the safety surfacing was repaired on 04 March 2026. The Parish Council will be reimbursed for the works.
Item 09 – It was agreed to add an item to the next agenda to discuss moving banks. C. Rees also confirmed that a 'no parking' sign has been installed.

8. **CONFIRMATION OF DATE FOR PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL GOAL AND BASKETBALL HOOP FEEDBACK**
It was agreed to book the village hall for a public meeting on 08 September 2026 at 7.30pm to discuss feedback received and outcome of the summer 2025 monitoring since the football goal and basketball hoop were installed, subject to the village hall's availability.

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9. **REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were reviewed:

- Request Form for use of the Frank Montgomery Playing Field
- Condition of Hire

It was unanimously agreed to re-adopt the documents with the following amendments

1. Update the Parish Clerk's contact details
2. Change of Chairman details
3. Make it clear no parking on the playing field
4. Date neighbours informed of event. Cllr Collinson agreed to liaise with the residents Via Whatsapp in conjunction with the Clerk.

The Clerk agreed to redraft the documents and circulate to the Committee via email for final approval after the meeting.

10. **EVENTS 2026/2027**

Two applications have been received and agreed by the Committee via email/Whatsapp in the interim period. The first was a child's birthday party on 22 May 2026, and the second the Primary School's Sports Day on 07 July 2026 (reserve date 09 July 2026 if inclement weather on original date).

No other events planned.

11. **FINANCES**

(i) The following reimbursement of expenses to C. Rees were unanimously agreed:

- Amazon – Ivy Wheelie Bin Sticker for basketball backboard - £17.99
- Amazon – 3no padlocks to secure the goal and basketball post - £42.00
- Omicron – New sign for vehicle entrance gate - £30.00
- Amazon – Grease gun for maintenance of all-inclusive roundabout - £29.99

P. Mills proposed, seconded by T. Archer, and unanimously AGREED.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

L. Lodge reported that the zip wire seat has snapped off. Signage was erected the same day and the hanging chain will be removed/secured imminently. C. Howard-Sparkes was asked to contact Peak Playgrounds to obtain a replacement seat and chain.

T. Archer proposed installing a dog waste bag dispenser to encourage users to pick up after their dogs. This was unanimously agreed. P. Mills advised undertaking research to ensure the dispenser and dog waste bags themselves are good quality. C. Rees agreed to liaise with P. Mills and undertake some research for discussion at the next Committee meeting. In the interim, C. Rees agreed to replace the signage on the litter bins advising that dog waste can be placed in the bins.

A neighbouring resident commented that the amount of dog waste being left in the playing field, The Street and The List, including the public footpath running alongside the playing field, is increasing. The resident suggested some signage or notification of the dangers of dog waste to children.

T. Archer reported that a private seller has safety surfacing mats available for approximately £16.00 each. T. Archer proposed purchasing some and storing for when the existing mats require replacement to keep save costs. This was unanimously agreed. T. Archer agreed to make further enquiries with the seller. T. Archer advised he has installed safety surfacing professionally.

C. Rees proposed a working party to tidy up the nature area. A date will be agreed via Whatsapp after the meeting.

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The Clerk advised that quotations are being obtained to get legal advice to clarify roles and responsibilities of both the Parish Council and the Committee, as per the existing Trust Deed and Management Rules.

A neighbouring resident of the playing field wished to thank the Committee for approaching a family who were in the field after hours to ask them to leave, in particular Mary. The family left without argument. They also wished to thank the Committee for removing the footballs, which seems to have had a positive impact already. Another neighbouring resident wished to concur with these comments.

A neighbouring resident advised that a suggestion has been put forward by another neighbour to pivot the football goal by 90 degrees. The resident wished to express they were not in favour of this suggestion. Full discussion on the football goal and basketball hoop will take place at the public meeting scheduled for 08 September 2026.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Public Meeting to discuss feedback and summer 2025 monitoring of the basketball hoop and football goal – 08 September 2026 at 7.30pm.
- Quarterly standard Committee meeting – 06 October 2026 at 5.30pm.

Both dates subject to confirmation of village hall availability.

The meeting closed at 6.24pm

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....

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