THE FRANK MONTGOMERY PLAYING FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025 AT 6.00PM IN WICKHAMBREAUX VILLAGE HALL, THE STREET, WICKHAMBREAUX

Present: Linda Lodge
Caroline Rees (C. Rees)
Charles Rees (Ch. Rees)
Elizabeth Stewart
Paul Mills
Mary
Tracy Harris
John Cotton
Oscar (from item 6)

There were four members of the public present.

L. Lodge announced that the meeting was being recorded for minutes to be written as no clerk was able to be present this evening.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2025-26**
C. Rees proposed L. Lodge for the position of Chairman. P. Mills seconded that L. Lodge be elected for the year 2025-26 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2025-26**
L. Lodge nominated C. Rees for the position of Vice-Chairman. P. Mills seconded that C. Rees be elected for the year 2025-26 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

3. **ELECTION OF TREASURER FOR 2025-26**
L. Lodge nominated C. Rees for the position of Treasurer. T. Harris seconded that C. Rees be elected for the year 2025-2026 and this was unanimously passed. There were no other nominations.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR 2025-26**
G. Hubbard was appointed for the position of Secretary while covering C. Howard-Sparkes maternity leave, who would resume as Secretary again in January 2026.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
L. Lodge welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Oban (who is standing for co-option).

L. Lodge read out a brief report on some of the years activities (highs and lows):

Firstly commenting on the very successful Classic Car Show this year, asking for it to be noted that C. Rees had gone above and beyond this year to ensure it was a success. Thank you to the village and everyone that was involved as it was a wonderful event. The weather was excellent, the crowds of visitors.

T. Butler has taken over the nature area and that is looking wonderful, the willow dome now looking much improved. Thanks to Wickhambreaux PC for providing £500 funding towards the wildlife for this nature area this year.

There were some incidents of golf being practiced on the playing field in the last year but this has been stopped. Also some horse riding which was just a one off but also not to be encouraged.

A level of disquiet has been caused with the residents that back onto the playing field with plans proposed for new play equipment. There is a residents meeting on Friday to discuss this further and find a resolution.

6. **CO-OPTION**

C. Rees proposed that the committee co-opt Oscar and Oban (both minors so surname redacted), this was seconded by Ch. Rees and unanimously passed. Oscar then joined the committee from the public area.

7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2025 AND EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD 9 APRIL 2025**

The Minutes of the two meetings previous meetings held on 14 January and 9 April 2025 were both AGREED as a true record of the meetings held.

8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3. C. Rees reported that nothing further has happened with the temporary section of fencing in private ownership adjacent to the public footpath running from The List to Seaton Road. The committee will be advised when this works is due to happen as the footpath might need to be closed off for a short period whilst the works are carried out.
3. C. Rees reported that the adjacent landowner vegetation on the boundary situation has mostly been resolved they are just awaiting one property to cut back their vegetation.
7(3). C. Rees reported that on the next PC agenda there is an item on the last section of fencing that needs to be replaced, hopefully this will be agreed. The resident is happy with this arrangement. There is also one more owner to track down where there is vegetation pushing against the fencing which ideally needs to be cut back.

9. **2024-25 UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

The bank statements were passed round and C .Rees to full forward accounts round to all committee members. The playing field accounts are not currently audited. Currently banking with Natwest but Committee would like to look into banking with Unity, like the PC if possible. Secretary to check with Unity if this is possible and costs involved.

10. **THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW 2025 FUNDS**

A). To authorise payments to third parties to cover their sales
Retrospective reimbursement was agreed as C. Rees had paid back people straight away rather than waiting till this meeting. Only thing left to fund is C. Rees expenses; receipts were presented to the committee for inspection.
C. Rees expenses to be reimbursed amounted to £1,903.38, it was proposed by Mary, seconded by P. Mills and unanimously agreed that this be settled.

Total raised at The Classic car show after all expenses £13,126.29 (including the £2000 donation)

B). To discuss and consider gifts to local organisations
The Church have raised over £3000 on their stalls which they will keep.
Wickhambreaux School have raised £150 on their stalls which they keep.
The Village Hall have raised some on their sweet stall which they keep.

Before the event C. Rees had said that depending on how much money is made the Committee may choose to give extra to the village organisations if they wish.
C. Rees said that with current state with the chain fence, current play equipment and other possible works the Playing Field might need to keep the money for now.

It was agreed that this should be left open for now.

11. **EVENTS 2025/2026**
Suggestions included a family rounders day, a tea party, an open-air cinema. Further discussions on these ideas to continue at subsequent meetings.

12. **FINANCES**
This has been covered under previous items on the agenda.

13. **AOB**
P. Mills gave his apologies for the consultation meeting on Friday 13 June.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next Committee meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....