Minutes of The Frank Montgomery Playing Field Trust Management Committee AGM Held on Tuesday 18th July 2017

Present: Linda Lodge

Caroline Rees

Marina Dunlop

Charlotte Stewart

Laura Downes

2 representatives from Wickhambreaux School

1 representative from Wickhambreaux Parish Council

1 member of the public

1. Apologies: none

2. Annual parish meeting- the following were elected to the playing field committee on 24th April 2017: Linda Lodge, Caroline Rees, Marina Dunlop, Charlotte Stewart and Laura Downes

3. Nomination and election of officers: Chairman L. Lodge proposed by C. Rees, seconded by M. Dunlop; vice chairman L. Downes proposed by C. Rees seconded by L. Lodge; treasurer C. Rees proposed by C. Stewart seconded by L. Downes; secretary C. Stewart proposed by C. Rees seconded by M. Dunlop. All were in favour of these appointments.

4. To co-opt new members of the committee: The chairman hoped that other parishioners would come forward in the future to reflect broader viewpoints. Lisa Crosbie had been co-opted last year and was willing to serve again and represent Wickhambreaux school on the committee. The chairman proposed L. Crosbie and M. Dunlop seconded this. The committee voted 4 to 1 in favour of this proposal.

5. Minutes of last meeting: read and agreed

6. Matters arising: Two large litter bins had been installed by Canterbury City Council at each entrance gate. The committee had received a grant of £330

from The Four Villages Shop and Post Office Fund and with match funding from the Frank Montgomery Playing Field funds the committee had ordered 2 large picnic tables. The chairman thanked C. Rees and her husband for undertaking the task of putting these together and installing them. The recent classic car show had proved as successful as last year's event and the whole committee had contributed to this along with St Andrew's church. However, the success was also due to the organisational skills and hard work of C. Rees and her family.

7. Anti-social behaviour/ noise nuisance: One household had endured many evenings of noisy people and had asked for the committee's help to remedy this situation. It was suggested that the local fruit pickers might be responsible. Cllr Martin Twyman of the parish council would approach the village farm and L. Lodge the Ickham farm. Further to this Cllr Linda Lodge had e-mailed the PCSO to ask for input and would produce notices requesting that visitors to the playing field leave the park at dusk. The committee may have to take further measures if this problem continues. The household affected did not attend the AGM.

8. Boundary changes affecting playing field: In the Community Governance Review being undertaken by Canterbury City Council there may be an opportunity to make boundary changes which would have the playing field moved from Ickham parish to Wickhambreaux. All the committee were in favour of this proposal.

9. Protocol for event decisions and events on Sundays: The parish council had voted against allowing Wickhambreaux school to change the day of their fete from a Saturday to a Sunday. This had caused ongoing rancour and the school had subsequently moved the venue of their fete from the playing field to another location in the neighbouring village of Ickham, which also shares Wickhambreaux school. The committee was keen to move on from this situation and build bridges with the school as the parish council had been attempting. It was agreed not to have a blanket ban on all Sunday events. It was decided that the booking form should be amended to add some minor restrictions for events held on a Sunday. It was noted the parish council has the final decision in some circumstances.

10. Responsibilities of event organisers: At the Classic Car Show May 21st 2017 M. Dunlop, who has a wealth of experience organising events, had to step in after C. Rees had an accident that required a trip to hospital. It was

recommended that organisers and first-aiders should not consume alcohol at events and this is to be added to the booking form

11. Equipment checks rota: C. Rees had obtained a play equipment check form used by another parish and it was agreed that the committee use this as a template to devise one tailored to Wickhambreaux's needs and equipment. ROSPA recommend weekly visual inspections of play equipment and keeping records of these is seen as good practice for owners of playing fields. ROSPA hold courses to instruct how to carry out inspections (the chairman attended one several years ago). It would be useful for others to have this training too.

12. Finances: The bank balance is £2,461.72

13. Site meeting: C. Rees and L. Lodge had measured the dimensions of the nature area and begun to make a list of plants. They had also investigated possible locations for the new benches. Further site meetings and help with planting bulbs etc will be required in the Autumn.

14. A.O.B. none

The meeting closed at 9pm