

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS PARK COMMITTEE OF KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.00 PM

Present: Cllrs. Colman, Hartman, Kirk, & Sherlaw

Also Present: K. Bell (Parish Clerk), D. Rush (Parish Councillor) and representatives from TMA, Pulse Padel, KHFC, K Hockey & Croquet Club

Apologies: Cllr. Petty

SP 01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES: The apologies received from Cllr. Petty (Overseas) were approved. **Unanimous**

SP 02 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF THE 2024-2025 CIVIC YEAR. Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded, and: **RESOLVED:** That the meeting be chaired by Cllr. Hartman and the election of Committee Chairman be deferred to the next Committee Meeting. **Unanimous**

SP 03 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF THE 2024-2025 CIVIC YEAR. Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded, and: **RESOLVED:** That the election of Deputy Committee Chairman be deferred to the next Committee Meeting. **Unanimous**

SP 04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND / OR LOBBYING AND / OR INTENTION TO RECORD: There were none **Noted**

SP 05 TERMS OF REFERENCE: It was proposed, seconded and: **RESOLVED:** That the Terms of Reference as copied to members be approved. **Unanimous**

PT 06 PITCH IRRIGATION: Following a discussion it was proposed, seconded and: **RESOLVED:** That in the absence of Cllr Petty that this would be deferred. **Unanimous**

PT 07 PADEL TENNIS: The Committee listened to a proposal for bringing Padel Tennis to Kings Hill. Members appreciated that Padel Tennis was a growing sport and its introduction to Kings Hill would be a positive. **Noted**

PT 08 KINGS HILL FOOTBALL CLUB: The Committee listened to the Football Club as they outlined their aims, and ambitions. **Noted**

PT 09 DISPLACED CLUBS FROM K SPORTS: The Committee listened to the Hockey and Croquet clubs who had been displaced from K Sports following its acquisition in the summer by the London City Lionesses football team with no opportunity for them to return. The Committee was sympathetic to the plight faced by the displaced, **Noted**

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Committee Chairman: **Date:** 14 November 2024

SP06, SP07 and SP08

Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:
RESOLVED: That individual meetings would be held with KHFC, the Hockey and Croquet Clubs and Padel Tennis to further understand their requirements. The Committee would then consider how best the Parish Council could help and support them.

Unanimous

The Committee found it useful for the KHFC, Hockey and Croquet Clubs and Padel Tennis to be in the same room as it allowed all groups to understand the requirements of the individual groups and organisations.

Noted

SP 09

Reports from TMA: The following were noted

- The Chief Executive’s Report and Financial information for the period ended 31.07.24 and the management accounts as at 31.08.24 (attached)
- Over the weekend of 14/15 September, the gates at KHSP were forced open and quadbikes ridden on the pitches. TMA had managed to fix the gates and were assessing the extent of the damage. The incident was reported to Kent Police.
- Front & Back Doors – TMA had advised that there had been several issues with the Front and back doors and that they have been managing the situation with the maintenance team tightening the screws however they might be unable to keep doing this and whilst they had been thinking about increasing the size of the screws if they still had an issue they might need to be replaced.
- Leak – TMA had made KHPC aware that there seemed to be a leak coming from the roof which had caused some discolouration / cracks in the ceiling.

SP 10

Sports Park Infrastructure: Following a discussion it was **AGREED** that a Strategic Plan was required.

Unanimous

SP 11

Exolum Pipeline – Annual Safety Letter 2024: It was reported that an Annual Safety letter had been received for information. The letter also advised that the PC should consider the location of any Exolum assets before planning or starting any work on the land at the Sports Park.

Noted

SP 12 Date and time of the next meeting: Confirmed as 12 November 2024 at 6 p.m.

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