

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS PARK COMMITTEE OF KINGS HILL
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025**

Present: Cllrs. Barker, Colman, Hartman (Committee Chairman), Mclymont, Petty & Sherlaw

Also Present: K. Bell (Parish Clerk) and representatives from TMA, & K. Hockey

Apologies: There were none

Absentees: Cllr. Kirk

Cllr. Hartman opened the meeting and welcomed all present

SP 01 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2025/2026 CIVIC YEAR:
It was proposed by Cllr. Petty, seconded by Cllr. Sherlaw that Cllr. Hartman be re-elected Committee Chairman. Cllr. Hartman accepted the nomination, as there were no others it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Hartman be re-elected Committee Chairman.

Unanimous

SP 02 ELECTION OF DEPUTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2025/2026 CIVIC YEAR: It was proposed by Cllr. Petty, seconded by Cllr. Sherlaw that Cllr. Hartman be re-elected Committee Chairman. Cllr. Hartman accepted the nomination, as there were no others it was:

RESOLVED: That Cllr. Hartman be re-elected Committee Chairman.

Unanimous

SP 03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES: There were none. **Noted**

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

SP 05 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE: Minor amendments were agreed following which it was proposed, seconded and:
RESOLVED: That the TOR's would be amended following which they would be taken to Full Council with the recommendation that they be approved. **Unanimous**

SP 06 MINUTES

SP 06.1 Minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on 15 April 2025 were approved and signed as a correct record of those proceedings. **By Majority**

SP 06.2 Matters Arising: There were none

SP 07 TMBC S106 ALLOCATIONS: TMBC had advised that the new water connection would not be funded by S106. The Clerk had asked TMBC to reconsider and emphasized that the new water connection was required at Kings Hill Sports Park and formed the first essential stage of the wider irrigation project, which had already been allocated S106 funding. It was noted that the

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irrigation project was aimed at improving the usability and sustainability of the pitches at KHSP. However, KHPC could not begin any meaningful work on this without establishing a new, dedicated water supply. It was also highlighted that KHPC was not seeking to enhance or upgrade an existing system and that the new utility installation, would enable KHPC to progress with the planned improvements that would benefit current and future users. **Noted**

SP 08

IRRIGATION: Attention was drawn to the following

- SE Water advised to progress with the 2nd mains connection. **Noted**
- The Committee would consider harvesting of rainwater initiatives and installation of second / third storage tanks. **Noted**
- TMA had advised that they were having problems filling the irrigation tank at the Sports Park and that on inspection it was found to be a problem with the float valve on the irrigation tank. TMA had been advised to proceed with the remedial works. **Noted**
- Cllr. Petty would be meeting with TMA on 29.05.25 to discuss irrigation further and would bring recommendations and costings to Full Council and to the next Committee Meeting for consideration. **Noted**

SP 09**EXPANSION OF SPORTING FACILITIES****SP 09.1 Sporting Facilities****SP 09.1.1**

Padel Tennis: Attention was drawn to the following

- Cllr Hartman was seeking quotations and plans and liaising with several providers. **Noted**
- In addition to KHPC and S106 funds, the committee would be seeking grant funding. **Noted**

SP 09.1.2

Kings Hill Football Club: Attention was drawn to the following:

- On 29 May 2025, Cllrs. Petty and Hartman were meeting with KHFC, the Football Foundation and Kent FA. **Noted**
- Committee Members had been invited to attend the upcoming tournament and presentation day. **Noted**

SP 09.3

Kings Hill Hockey: Update received and noted. **Noted**

SP 09.2

Formal Proposal Submission to Prologis: The content of the formal letter was agreed and it would now be submitted. **Noted**

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Planning Application /s: The Committee was keen to engage with the planning process as soon as possible. **Noted**

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SP 10 **OUTDOOR DRINKGS AREA:** In the absence of Cllr Kirk, it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting. **Unanimous**

SP 11 **TMA LIAISON**
SP 11.1

TMA Reports

- 8 x LED Emergency Lights required replacing. Permission given to proceed with the works. **Noted**
- Draft management accounts for the period ending 31.03.25 received and copied to members together with the annotations of the CEO. **Noted**
- TMA was exploring a joint TMA / KHPC account with Nat West. The account would require both TMA & KHPC signatories. **Noted**
- TMA was liaising with KHEM / Prologis regarding a licence to alter to create a viewing area pitch side on the 3G. **Noted**
- The 2024 Annual ROSPA Inspection identified remedial work required to the safety surfacing in the over-8s play area, which received a low rating. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Petty, seconded by Cllr. Barker, and:
AGREED: To defer the matter to the next meeting pending further information and clarification regarding potential S106 funding implications. It was also agreed that any work may be placed on hold, subject to future decisions regarding the possible relocation of the under-8s play area.

Unanimous

SP 11.2 **Fence Damage:** As KHPC was responsible to repair the fence damage at land adjoining 380 Watlington Road following a fallen tree, it was proposed by Cllr Petty, seconded by Cllr Hartman and:

RESOLVED: That the quotation be accepted for the remedial works to progress. **By Majority**

SP 11.3 **Sports Park Centre- Repairs to Back Doors:** It was reported that TMA had repaired the back doors. It was further reported that the contractor had advised that it was possible to fit additional hinges which would help support the weight of the doors but that there was no guarantee that it would be a permanent repair. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Hartman, seconded by Cllr. Petty and:

RESOLVED: That TMA be advised to proceed with the work to fit additional door hinges at the quoted price.

Unanimous.

SP 12 **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Confirmed as 24 June 2025
Noted

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SP 13 **CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE:** Per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) the following items were considered in private:

SP 13.1 **Review of Leases and Contracts**

Lease between KHPC and TMA: Update received
Noted

Leases and Contracts between KHPC and KCC / Prologis:
Information was received and noted. **Noted**

There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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