

Minutes of Playing Field Trustees meeting

Held @5pm on 25/09/2025 @ The Old Mill Ridlington

Attendees

Ruth Lees (Trustee)
Simon Powell (Treasurer)
Richard Allen (Trustee)
Julie Hoult (Chair)

Apologies: None

Action List:

Ref	Description	Person Responsible
A-01	Transfer contact detail for insurance to Simon	SP & RL
A-02	Report trustees' decision re cricket nets to applicant	RL
A-03	Ruth to book village hall for Christmas fundraiser quiz Thursday December 4th	RL
A-04	Julie to produce poster to publicise Christmas quiz on village WhatsApp	JH
A-05	Julie to apply to Branching Out for funds to replace young trees lost during recent hot summers	JH
A-06	Richard to contact John M to seek advice re installing more bird boxes @ the Playing Field	RA

Updates on actions from last meeting

- A-01 A-02 Annual return submitted and uploaded to Charity Commission website. Simon has now assumed Treasury responsibilities and will continue to liaise with Mike Horwood as required.
- A-03 Swing chain measurement submitted to Wicksteed quote for equipment is circa £9,000 which is not currently viable without a grant, especially given the ongoing tree maintenance required
- A-04 – Outline proposal submitted @ Parish meeting in May
- A-05 – Completed

Agenda items 2-4

Minutes of last meeting agreed and signed by Chair.
Declaration of members interest – none declared.

Matters arising from last meeting – See updates on actions from last meeting, above.

Agenda item 5

Financial update S Powell (Treasurer)

January 1st - September 25th, 2025.

Total Income- £2362.40

STO's - £765.00

Interest- £27.67

Quiz - £725.22

Xmas Cards- £64.00

Donations - £222.50

Easy Fundraising- £21.46

Wine Tasting - £170.00

Sunday Teas- £320.00

Total Expenditure - £2407.85

Quiz - £223.83

Tree Work - £1824.00

Tree Report RCC - £345.02

Roger - £15.00

Business Premium Account & Community Account total £3187.90 in credit.

Action A-01 SP & RL transfer insurance contact details to Simon

Trustees expressed their thanks and appreciation to all villagers who donate to the Playing Field through regular standing orders, or by supporting charity fundraisers as well as other groups in the village who donate from their activities

Agenda item 6

Ash Tree dieback update

- Trustees had commissioned further remedial work on the trees; Thanks go to Ruth and Simon for arranging the quotations. Work was carried out by Sanderson Tree care at a cost of £1824. The work included trees bordering Top Road. Trustees were pleased to receive positive feedback from villagers.

Agenda item 7

Cricket Nets

- Trustees had been approached with a request to buy the cricket nets. Following a discussion Trustees voted unanimously to retain the nets as a shared village facility. **Action A-02 RL** to report back Trustees decision to applicant

Agenda item 8

Fundraising activities

- It was agreed that the next Fundraising activity would be a Quiz in December suggested date Thursday 4th December. Ruth to contact D Roome to book village hall **Action A-03 RL**
- **Action A-04 JH** to produce poster to publicise Christmas quiz on village WhatsApp group in October

Agenda item 9

Field maintenance & development

- Trustees expressed their thanks to Simon for his recent strimming and tidying work at the Playing Field
- Trustees agreed to apply to 'Branching out Fund' by Nov 14th deadline to replace some young trees lost during the last two hot summers **Action A-05 JH**
- Trustees discussed the possibility of installing more bird boxes to encourage a greater diversity of birds. Richard agreed to speak to John M to seek advice **Action A-06 RA**

AOB

No other business

The meeting closed at 7pm