

# The George Philippi Memorial Sports Ground

Registered Charity 301793

## Minutes of Meeting held 9.00pm Monday 17 March 2025 Crawley Village Hall

Present: Tim Anderson, Fred Fratter, Henrietta Boucher, Martin White  
Nicky Breen, Sally Lawrence, a parishioner

Apologies: Vanessa Chapman, Paul Whiteley

### 23.01 To Approve Minutes of 13 January 2025 Meeting

The minutes were approved.

### 23.02 Charity Commission submission

The 2024-2025 submission must be filed by 31 October. The intention is to submit this prior to the May, and if not, the July meeting.

### 23.03 Recreation ground

- **Condition/Upkeep**

C&D are to trim the hedges around the cricket ground and playground, as well as the playground trees.

- **Playground**

Sovereign provide an annual inspection for 3 years following installation of their equipment. They inspected the playground on 20 January and provided a report. One medium risk item has been identified, this will be monitored.

The WCC annual inspection will take place soon.

A wooden railing has snapped and the bench needs slats replacing. Ideally these are to be repaired prior to the WCC inspection. HB and TA are to enquire to companies regarding the replacement railing and slats.

**Action: HB, TA**

- **Cricket**

The Hampshire Cricket Board Grounds Association inspected the grounds and recommended fertiliser to help the regrowth in the square. They are to visit again in April. The fixtures are to go on the noticeboard.

MW is looking into a request to use the pitch for regular 5 aside football.

**Action: MW**

### 23.04 Finance

- Recent transactions – to approve income and expenditure since last meeting.

#### Payments

| Date       | Ref  | Payee             | Details              | £      |
|------------|------|-------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 10/02/2025 | PX26 | Nicola Breen      | PX8 & PX11 duplicate | -27.98 |
| 28/02/2025 | PX27 | Southern Electric | 8.10.24-4.2.25       | 226.70 |

#### Receipts

| Date       | Ref  | From       | Details  | £      |
|------------|------|------------|----------|--------|
| 15/01/2025 | RX04 | Folly Farm | Donation | 200.00 |

Payments PX26-27 were approved and receipt noted.

- Folly Farm donation

Folly Farm have made a generous donation of £200 to the playground. The Parish Council thank them very much for the kind gesture.

- Annual Audit

A review of the accounts will be made by John Murray at the same time as the Parish Council internal audit. NB is to prepare the accounts.

**Action: NB**

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## **23.05 Clerk resignation and replacement**

Nicky Breen has resigned from the Parish Council, her last day being 30 April. Sally Lawrence will be starting as the new Clerk on 1 April.

Note: Crawley Recreation Ground comprises two parcels of land; that donated from George Philippi for which Crawley Parish Council holds absolute title & that donated from Douglas Seligman for which Crawley Parish Council holds possessory title. After possessory title has been held unchallenged for 12 years, Crawley Parish Council can & should apply to the Land Registry for absolute title. The earliest date this can be undertaken is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2036.