

North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust

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Trust Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the North Petherton Playing Fields Charitable Trust held on Monday 2nd February 2026 starting at 7.15pm, in The Small Hall, of North Petherton Community Centre, Fore Street, North Petherton T6 6QA

Present

Chair: Councillor L Hyde

Councillors: Cllrs Bradford, Habberfield, J Taylor, Baker, Sharman. Dennis, Smith

In Attendance

A Young (Admin Assistant)

J Norris (Town Clerk & Trust Secretary)

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Chair's Announcements

The Chair explained that the meeting had been called in order to make some decisions that were beyond the remit of the Management Committee.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors T brown and MP Herbert.

3. Declarations of interests

No declarations of interest were made

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2025

To consider and agree the draft minutes as a correct record.

AGREED to defer consideration of the draft minutes until the next Trust meeting in order for some amendments to be made.

Chair's Initials

5. Community Time

This agenda item enables members of the public to speak on any matter pertinent to the Trust
No matters were raised.

6. Payments

Confirmation of payments made by North Petherton Town Council on behalf of North Petherton Playing Field Charitable Trust. See Attached.

AGREED to confirm the payments detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

7. Request to the Town Council for Additional Grant funding

There is a shortfall in the grant and payments, and the Management Committee wish to make a request for an additional grant.

AGREED to ask the Town Council for additional grant funding of £15,000

8. E Scooters

A complaint had been received regarding the use of E-scooters within the Memorial Park. The Management Committee recommends that the Trust do not allow E-scooters and E-Bikes within the Memorial Park and to install appropriate signage

AGREED

- (i) that E-scooters and E-Bikes are not allowed to be used within the Memorial Park
- (ii) to put up signs at the entrances to the Memorial Park prohibiting the use of E scooter and E bikes within the park.

9. Somerset Council, Public Space Protection Order

Somerset Council are currently rationalising the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) which include dog free areas and dogs on leads.

Currently dogs are not allowed in the toddlers play area at Parker's Field nor within the Memorial Park.

The Football Club would like 'Dogs on Leads' within the sport pitch area of Parker's Field – this requires evidence of need.

The Management Committee recommends no change to the provisions in the current orders.

Discussion on this agenda item included:

- Where are assistance dogs are allowed?

AGREED to endorse the Management Committee's recommendation not to request any changes to the provisions in the current PSPO orders.

Chair's Initials

10. 24/25 Accounts

The 24/25 accounts have previously been presented and approved by the Trust, however due to the level of turnover it has been necessary to appoint an independent examiner. This independent review has suggested that there are a number of ways in which the Trust's presentation of the end of year accounts can be improved and at the time of preparing the agenda the report is awaited.

The independent examination had raised no material matters and the Trust accounts and supporting documents had been filed on time with the Charity Commission.

11. Maintenance

Repairs are required to the wall, basket swing and the 2-bay swing in the Memorial Park. A decision is required regarding incurring the expenditure and appointing a contractor.

AGREED

- (i) to appoint Contractor A to undertake the repairs to the wall in the Memorial Park for the sum of for the sum of £2200 (VAT not applicable)
- (ii) to appoint Contractor A to undertake the repairs to the basket swing and the 2-bay swing in the Memorial Park for the sum of £647 + VAT

The meeting closed at 19:37hrs

Chair's Signature & Date
