

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 24th November 2025 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 Spencer, Taylor, Bradford, Habberfield, Dennis, Spelman-Ives, Taylor, Sharman, Herbert, Power, Smith, P. Brown, T Brown

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 Announcements included

- Remembrance Service – this was the first service since the relocation of the Memorial Stone, and all went well in the safer location.
- The Management Committee is working to sort some of the equipment maintenance as some of the items are over 10 years old; this will have budget implications for 26/27

2. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies as everyone was present

3. Declarations of interests

No declarations of interest were made

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2025

The draft minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2025 were considered.

Chair's Initials

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. Community Time

No matters were raised.

6. Recommendation from the Management Committee regarding preventative measures to be taken at the Memorial Park and Parker's Field to prevent unauthorised encampments

The Chair explained that there had been site visit were the main grounds maintenance contractor was present and there was an independent advisor. The Management Committee felt that the best option was the Lego Bricks and two quotations were obtained.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Bridgwater Town Council (dated 21.10.2025) for supply, delivery and installation of lego blocks the sum of approx. £1280.00

7. Recommendation from the Management Committee regarding the proposed footpath from the Park Lane development to Broadlands Avenue, which goes across the lane owned by North Petherton Playing Field Charitable Trust.

- The idea of a tarmacked footpath was suggested by highways
- It is already an existing public footpath – the suggestion is that the footpath would be properly surfaced
- Berwick on Tweed have reactive solar powered lights on the castle wall walks
- If the planning application is approved and the development goes ahead the footpath may be used by residents of the development and users of the Drs surgery.

RESOLVED to agree to the principle that the footpath would be given a proper surface and follow the line of the existing public footpath and the paths should be lit with low level lighting

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

Name	Item	Nett	VAT	Gross
Somerset Council	Bins July -Sept 25	2366.00	473.20	2839.20

Chair's Initials

Name	Item	Nett	VAT	Gross
AB Memorials	Relocation of Memorial	200.00	40.00	240.00
Somerset Council	Hedge cutting	352.00	70.40	422.40
Barham Contracting	Grass cutting	980.00	00.00	980.00
Brian Jones Structural Eng Ltd	Wall Survey	450.00	90.00	540.00
GWB Services	Play Inspections	125.00	25.00	150.00
GWB Services	Grounds Maintenance	1822.50	364.50	2187.00

9. Repairs to The Wall at the Memorial Park

The Chair explained that a survey had been carried out and the wall is structurally sound, however there are loose coping stones and bricks and these need to be replaced. Quotes to be obtained.

The meeting closed 7.45pm.

Chair's Signature & Date