

**MINUTES OF THE PORLOCK RECREATION GROUND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
7.30PM 23rd MARCH 2016 AT THE RECREATION GROUND PAVILION**

Members present:

Mike Dyer, Mike Lynch, Wendy Lynch, Keith Green, Terry Gable, John Healey and Ivor Jones

Members of the Public Present:

Russell Vowles, Nicola Vowles, Stephen Spurrier and one other member of the public

1. Apologies for absence:

Jane Thicknesse

2. Minutes of the AGM 2014

The Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matter arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

- a. The Chairman gave a brief review of the activities of the past year which included the two ESF Football Youth Tournaments, Porlock Toll Road Cycle Climb, regular use of the Pavilion, good use of the newly installed Adult Fitness Equipment and the introduction of free floodlighting for the multi- use games area (MUGA) and tennis court which had resulted in much greater use by many of the young people in the village
- b. The Chairman offered thanks and appreciation for the work of all of the Management Committee, mentioning particularly Terry Gable, Ian Cape (Groundsman) and the volunteers who are particularly helpful on Country Fair day. He went on to express his thanks to all those members of the Committee who had decided not to stand again, Daff Lemmey, Gill Hatcher and Doug Carter, and particularly Elizabeth Pinnington (ex-Treasurer) and Ian Partington (ex-Secretary) for their long and committed service to the Committee.
- c. This year the tennis court had been resurfaced leading to a slight increase in its use. Planned work for the coming year includes the delayed Boules Court, smartening the new vehicle entrance and replacing the main sign.
- d. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mike Lynch and the Secretary for their work producing a website (www.porlockrec.org.uk) which is helping to increase publicity for the Recreation Ground as well as producing a list of useful contacts.
- e. Essential maintenance on the Recreation Ground has included some work on the trees (thanks to Sam Sheasby), including some felling. Trees that have been felled will be replaced in due course. Other work needed soon includes the replacement of some of the older metal play equipment.
- f. For the first time the Recreation Ground will be charged Business Rates by West Somerset

District Council. As a registered charity there should be a mandatory relief of 80%, with an additional discretionary relief of up to 20%. The Secretary has applied for both mandatory and discretionary relief and a decision is awaited.

g. Finally the Chairman thanked Porlock Parish Council for their continued financial support.

4. Treasurer's Report

a. The income and expenditure account shows a deficit of £9529 but this is due to depreciation of assets (£11,103).

b. We have bank balances of £33,467 which is £1574 up on last year. A new account named the Asset Replacement fund has been opened to ring fence money for this purpose. It is the intention to transfer £7300 into this account each year in accordance with the replacement schedule which is included with the accounts. The Scottish Widows A/c has been designated as the Playground Fund as items of play equipment will need to be replaced in the fairly near future. The intention behind these changes is to show that whilst there is a very healthy balance in our accounts, we are not 'stockpiling cash', just making provision for future expenditure.

c. Income was around £4000 down on last year, 2014 included an amount for nearly £6000 (£5897.90) for adult exercise equipment in the playground. The only grant received last year was from the Porlock Parish Council, £1500. The Treasurer gave special mention for the Country Fair, which is our major fundraiser and did extremely well last year, generating just under £5000.

d. Expenses are pretty much on a par with the year before, except for Repairs and Renewals, which increased by around £5000. £2700 was spent resurfacing the tennis court, and some windows were replaced in the pavilion at a cost of around £2200.

e. The Treasurer answered a couple of questions about the possible re-surfacing of the MUGA and the income from the ESF Football Tournaments.

5. Election and appointment of Management Committee (Trustees) for 2016 – 2017

The Chairman stated that six nominations for six elected positions on the Management Committee had been received and therefore the six people were duly elected:

Elected

Mike Lynch, Wendy Lynch, Russell Vowles, Nicola Vowles, Stephen Spurrier and Jane Thicknesse

Representatives

John Healy (Porlock Football Club), Keith Green (Porlock Tourist Association), Ivor Jones (Porlock Bowls Club) and Terry Gable (Porlock Parish Council).

4. Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.54pm