

**Minutes of the Tews Lane Management Committee Meeting
held on Thursday, 28th November 2024 at 12pm in the Beechfield Centre**

Present: Cllrs J Cann (Chairman), S Kingdom, B Sherborne, H Walker and Mr A Heighton (co-opted member, Barnstaple Youth Football Club).

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2411/42 **Apologies**

None.

2411/43 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

2411/44 **Public Participation Period**

None.

2411/44 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2024 be approved as a correct record.

2411/45 **Budgets**

Members considered the draft budgets for 2025/2026; business rates had been increased by 2% and an expenditure budget of £6,000 added to pay towards project management fees for the completion of the pavilion. Members noted that the project costs were likely to be more than £6,000 and it was agreed to request further funding from reserves if necessary.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the draft budget for 2025/2026.

It was further agreed to investigate capping off the showers which are no longer in use and to cap off if possible.

2411/46 **Public Space Protection Order**

Members had asked for an item to be added to the Agenda to consider adding the site to a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to ensure dogs are kept on leads on the site at all times. Mr Heighton confirmed that the Youth Football Club has to clear the site of dog faeces before every game and training session. Members felt that the number of dogs fouling on the site had become a health and safety issue and were concerned about the risks of toxocariasis which is dangerous especially to children. Members acknowledged that the site is a playing field and sports facility and those playing should not have to experience the current level of conflict with dog fouling. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to add the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field to a Public

Space Protection Order to ensure that dogs are kept on the lead at all times when on the site.

The meeting ended at 12.25pm

Signed: Dated.....

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