

**Purley on Thames Parish Council  
Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**In the Small Hall at The Barn, Goosecroft**

Commencing 6:45pm and concluding at 7:00pm

**Present:** Councillors M. Abrams, P. Beddoes, J. Evans, G. Rolfe (Chairman), G. Sillitoe.  
**In attendance:** Sharon Way (Clerk).

**P 26/47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllrs Benedict, Grindley and Langford.

**P 26/48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

**P 26/49 PUBLIC FORUM**  
No members of the public were in attendance.

**P 26/50 MINUTES OF RECREATION LAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**  
Cllr Rolfe invited comments on the minutes of the Recreation Land Committee meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026. No comments were made.

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Abrams it was:

**RESOLVED: Approval and adoption of the minutes of the meeting, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March was AGREED.**

The minutes of the meeting, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March were duly signed by the Chairman.

**P 26/51 MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION**

**P 26/51-1** Cllr Rolfe discussed the history of the Fields in Trust Deed of Dedication and the basis for the creation of the Recreation Land Committee. Income and expenditure for the recreational land forms part of the accounts of the Parish Council, with expenditure notably currently exceeding income. It is therefore necessary to formally confirm this, whilst delegating responsibility for all matters pertaining to the charitable status of the land to the Recreational Land Committee.

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Evans it was:

**RESOLVED: That the wording of motion P 26/51-1 is changed to the following:**

- a) **That Purley on Thames Parish Council assumes direct responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the recreation land registered with Fields in Trust, and that the Parish Council directly receive all income arising from the letting of the land and be responsible for meeting all costs associated with its maintenance, management and related expenses, including any costs directly incurred by the Land Registry, subject to the provisions of the Fields in Trust Deed of Dedication, and that this arrangement is considered to be in the best interests of the trust and consistent with the recreational purposes of the land; and**

- b) That in its capacity as corporate trustee, the Parish Council delegates to the Recreation Land Committee responsibility for matters relating to the use of the recreation land which may affect its charitable purpose, including any proposals for development, change of use or significant works.**

Following a proposal from Cllr Beddoes and seconded by Cllr Abrams it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That Purley on Thames Parish Council assumes direct responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the recreation land registered with Fields in Trust, and that the Parish Council directly receive all income arising from the letting of the land and be responsible for meeting all costs associated with its maintenance, management and related expenses, including any costs directly incurred by the Land Registry, subject to the provisions of the Fields in Trust Deed of Dedication, and that this arrangement is considered to be in the best interests of the trust and consistent with the recreational purposes of the land; and**
- b) That in its capacity as corporate trustee, the Parish Council delegates to the Recreation Land Committee responsibility for matters relating to the use of the recreation land which may affect its charitable purpose, including any proposals for development, change of use or significant works.**

**was Agreed.**

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**CLOSE**

The meeting formally closed at 7:00pm

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....