

Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity

An Annual General meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs H Orton (Chair), E Ward, D Foster, N Foster, A Davey, S Judd, D Lummis, P Allen and A Johnson (Clerk).

7 members of public.

Cllr A Stringer

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and filming statement.

Apologies: Cllrs S Hyde (personal reasons), C Orton (personal reasons)

2. Declarations of interest:

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items.

None

b) To note any dispensations with regard to declarations of interest.

None required

3. Minutes: To approve minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 8 May 2024.

The minutes, pages 28 – 29 inclusive, were signed by the Chair as an accurate representation.

4. Reports:

a) Chair's report

None

b) Financial report, to include accounts for the year ending 31.3.25 and asset register as at 31.3.25.

Confirmation of accounts to be postponed to allow further time for Cllrs to go through.

c) Any other reports

None

5. Public Forum:

None

6. To agree bank signatories.

Unanimously agreed for Signatories to be the same as the Parish Council. Noted A Johnson (Clerk) still to be added due to ongoing admin issues with the bank.

7. Safeguarding policy: to confirm Mendlesham Parish Council Safeguarding policy also applies to Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity.

Unanimously confirmed

8. Merger of Mendlesham Community Centre Charity and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity.

Minutes of Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity (reg no 304794) Annual General Meeting 7.5.25

Mendlesham Community Centre (Registered charity number 304795) and Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity (Registered charity number 304794)

To consider and approve action required, if any.

Noted this had been discussed at the Mendlesham Community Centre Charity AGM.

Updates for charitable objectives, to enable the merging of the charities were presented and unanimously approved. New objectives confirmed 'To provide playing field, pavilion and other ancillary facilities to improve the quality of life for the Community of the Parish of Mendlesham and to maintain them for the pursuit of education, leisure and exercise, sports, community meetings and other cultural activities.'

The possibility of creating a lease between the charities to enable the use and build was raised as an alternative to merging the charities. Noted that solicitors will need to approve, but suggested that admin work is carried out by trustees to keep costs down. Cllr Allen to draft for future meeting.

9. Any other business.

None

Meeting closed 7.35pm.