



## Plumpton Parish Council King George V Playing Fields Committee

The Playing Fields Committee is one of the 6 committees of the Parish Council. As a charity the Playing Fields Committee (like the Village Hall Committee) is different to other Parish Council committees such as Transport and Environment or Finance. Charitable status (Registered Charity Number 1070459) was awarded in 1936. In 2007 the Parish Council covenanted with the National Playing Fields Association (now Fields In Trust ([www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org))) that it will not dispose of all or any part of the playing fields or erect any building without the prior consent of the Association.

### **Committee Structure**

The Playing Fields Committee is made up of two groups:

1. Parish Councillor Trustees (3)
2. User Trustees (4) of the clubs that regularly use the Playing Fields.

### Councillor Trustees

At present Councillor/Trustees on the Playing Fields Committee are:

1. Clare Eastwood (Chair)
2. Chris Burgon
3. Vacancy

### User Trustees

1. Ian Earl
2. Andrew Holdsworth
3. Kelvin Speirs
4. Jon Taylor

### **Election of the Chairman**

As with all committees the Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee will be a Parish Councillor and will be elected at the first meeting of the Parish Council in each new parish year (runs from May – April).

If the Chairman is unable to attend a committee meeting the members present will agree the committee Chairman for that meeting from one of the parish councillors present.

### **Quorum**

The Quorum for the Playing Fields Committee is three of whom 2 must be parish councillors.

### **Delegation of Powers**

The Parish Council can, where appropriate, delegate powers to a committee. The Playing Fields Committee does not have delegated powers.

### **Responsibilities**

As with all committees the Playing Fields Committee is subject to the Parish Council Financial Regulations and works within the regulations set out in the Plumpton Parish Council Standing Orders.

### The Playing Fields Committee

The Playing Fields Committee has a responsibility for:

- the maintenance of the Playing Fields as a recreation ground (see King George's Field Plumpton Green Registered Charity 1070459 information below)
- ensuring that, as far as is possible, the Playing Fields offer value for money to the residents of Plumpton. This includes making recommendations to the Parish Council for increases in rents, club subscriptions and hire costs and local fundraising e.g. jumble sales.

### Responsibilities of the Parish Council

The Parish Council, as the Corporate Trustee, has responsibility for any proposed changes to:

1. staff
2. land use;
3. the use of buildings
4. the structure of the buildings; and
5. income streams and these are considered at Parish Council meetings.

### **Governance**

In order to fulfil its role as the Corporate Trustee the Playing Fields (together with the New Pavilion committee, whilst that committee exists) is a standing agenda item at Parish Council meetings.

### **Publication of Meeting Information**

As with all Parish Council committees the date and time of the meetings must be published at least 3 clear working days (excludes weekends) before the meeting. At present the committee meets every **2 months**. Committees meeting dates and the minutes of previous meetings can be found under Meetings and Minutes. Relevant actions that take place between meetings and any updated information are provided via reports to the full Parish Council meetings.

### **Attendance, Representation and Voting at Committee Meetings**

Representatives from other user groups may wish to attend committee meetings and will be given the opportunity to speak on matters of concern to them, as will members of the public. All are very welcome to attend. Time is normally allowed early in the agenda for public participation.

'Stand ins' for User Representatives are very welcome at committee meetings as they provide a valuable service in maintaining communication between the various groups using the Playing Fields and the Pavilion 'Stand ins' are not able to vote.

Councillors not on the committee may also attend and may join in the discussions but cannot vote at the committee meeting.



## **King George's Field Plumpton Green**

Registered Charity 1070459

### **Appointment of Trustees**

By a Conveyance dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 1936 made between Albert John Wells and Frederick Henry Wells of the first part and the Parish Council of Plumpton (the Council) of the second part all that Property known as The Football Field measuring an estimated 11.047 acres was conveyed to the Council to hold as and for a recreation ground.

By a Declaration of Trust dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 by the Council as beneficial owners declared that the Property was to be known as King George's Field Plumpton Green to be held on trust as a public playing field for the benefit of the public and dedicated as a memorial to King George V. The Council further covenanted with the National Playing Fields Association that it would not dispose of all or any part of the Property or erect any building on any part of the Property without the prior consent of the Association.

The Council declare that as Trustees of the Trust established by the above provisions that trustees shall be members of Plumpton Parish Council for the time being and as such shall cease to be trustees on resignation, retirement or expulsion from office whereby an application shall be made to the Charity Commission to amend the Register. The Trustees may appoint additional trustees and remove the same by resolution at a Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Trustees will agree to carry out the role and responsibilities of a trustee by execution of the document Appendix 1 and a register of this will be maintained.