

Annual Report for Snape Playing Field

Year end 30th April 2023

The original Trust Deed of The Snape Playing Field Charity, dated 14th January 2010, states the geographical area of benefit (Dunningworth Hall & 2 kilometre radius area north of Snape Bridge), and lays out the objects, powers, constitution and official functions of the committee

Currently 8 trustees make up the committee: - TB, EG, (MW), MT, MN, DN, PB, RB

The official number of trustees should be 9, with 3 appointed members from the PC and 1 from the BL. The remaining 5 members are elected. This may include 2 co-opted members.

The Trust Deed has never been updated. Should we review the trust deed in conjunction with the Charity Commission requirements? Would reference to the Village Hall Committee help as much the same status?

Thanks to committee members for work in the last year. Now MT standing down as treasurer we need to appoint someone else. MT happy to stay on committee, so perhaps one more member needed.

Thank you to the Parish Council for continuing to fund grass cutting and hedge cutting.

The past year:

- Painting of the portacabin and shelter
- September dance
- Leiston Juniors football teams
- Maintenance of play area & surrounds
- Tennis court maintenance has been the control of vegetation & the court is presently in good order

Going forwards:

- Parking area scheme funded by CIL money from PC
- Repairs to play area equipment to bring up to RoSPA inspection requirements
- More major repair to zip wire framework?
- Area of hedge behind and around tennis court could have sympathetic cutting and clearance?
- A fund raising dance in the run up to Christmas

Update following the AGM on 8th May 2023

The following officers were unanimously elected:

Chair – Maria Norman

Secretary – Tim Beach

Treasurer – Eddie Gillett

Other trustees:

Dave Norman

Melanie Thurston

Peter Bunn

Rick Berry

Mark Wells

This leaves the number of trustees one short to make up a total of nine. It was decided to ask the Parish Council to provide one more trustee, as the Council own the field and would ultimately be responsible if there is not enough support for the Snape Playing Field Charity to carry out its obligations.

Eddie Gillett (chair 2022- May 2023)