



Claydon with Clattercote

CLAYDON PLAYING FIELD CHARITY TRUSTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Claydon Playing Field Charity Trustee at 7pm
on Tuesday 11th November 2025 in the Church Room, Claydon**

Present: Cllr Barnes; Cllr Burns; Cllr Ferdani; Cllr Knight

In attendance: Lawrence Wootten (Clerk)

Members of the public: Nine

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Denham

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2024 were approved.

3. FINANCES

The Clerk explained that he had now obtained access to the Playing Field Charity's online account with the Charity Commission (passwords and access codes had expired since the last clerk had resigned), but could not provide figures for the outstanding Charity Commission Returns because some bank details were missing for the period just before finances were transferred from the Playing Field Management Committee to the Parish Council. He asked if anyone might be able to find bank statements or financial statements for the Playing Field Management Committee for 2021-22 and 2022-23. From 2023 onwards, the Playing Field Charity would be able to make a "zero" financial return, as it no longer has any financial assets.

4. CLOSURE OF THE CLAYDON PLAYING FIELD CHARITY

The Clerk explained that until the outstanding financial returns had been submitted to the Charity Commission, the Playing Field Charity could not be closed down, even if it was decided that closure of the charity was the best option for the future. There might be some advantages to keeping the Playing Field Trust, with the Parish Council as the sole trustee, rather than closing the charity – Clerk to investigate the pros and cons and report back.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR NEXT AGENDA

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had found the conveyance of the Playing Field from D.A. Reeve Esq to Claydon Parish Council (31st March 1976), and thanked previous members of the Claydon Playing Field Management Committee for their thorough and careful record keeping. He had also found the lease of the Playing Field from Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council to the Trustees of Claydon Playing Field in March 1978. This meant that legal ownership of the Playing Field was definitely with Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council, although the land is currently unregistered.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th January 2026 (provisionally - if missing financial documents can be found beforehand)

Meeting closed at 7.14pm

Signed