



Chideock Parish Council

PREAMBLE

Clapps Mead Playing Field, Mill Lane, Chideock, was gifted to the Parish Council on 8th February 1938 in memory of Annie C Grafton by her husband Walter P Grafton and their children Eric A Grafton and Rowena Grafton.

The bequest conveys Clapps Mead to the Parish Council to hold in feu simple as public ground under the Recreation Grounds Act 1859 to be used in perpetuity as a Playing Field and Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish, subject to a schedule of 23 further trusts and conditions.

The first condition in the 1938 conveyance of Clapps Mead to Chideock Parish Council is: -

“The management of the premises to be in the hands of a Committee of Management to be appointed by the Council such Committee to consist of members of the Council, the Church of England Vicar of Chideock for the time being or in the case of his being unable or unwilling to act a person to be nominated by the Parochial Church Council and a person to be nominated by the owner for the time being of Chideock Manor if a Weld or in the event of the owner (being a Weld) being unable or unwilling to act a person representing the Roman Catholic residents in the Parish.”

This has proved difficult to fulfil in recent years as the nature of the village has changed.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CLAPPS MEAD MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Clapps Mead Management Team is an advisory working-group with no direct responsibilities. Its role is to provide advice, support and recommended actions to the Parish Council's Main Committee in relation to:

- Clapps Mead Playground and Playing Field, including the ongoing management and use by external parties.
 - Verges, hedges, tree planning and rewilding within the Clapps Mead site.
 - Monitoring of spend on future projects to ensure value for money
1. CHAIR – Cllr Richard Benjamin
 2. CLERK – Tan Cox
 3. MEMBERSHIP – Cllrs Parkins, Watson, Biggins, Barnett
 4. QUORUM – Minimum of two councillors
 5. MEETING DATES FOR YEAR – 14th August 2024 and again as required. start time – 10am
 6. DOCUMENTS DELEGATED TO THIS COMMITTEE – Clapps Mead Title Deeds, Hire Agreement(s) and other official documents.
 7. MONITORING - Play Areas (Inspection contractor (still to be appointed) - Monthly), Other regular contractors, for example BTC Lengthsman and grass cutting (name of contractor)
 8. CONTRACTS – to identify contracts required and reviewing existing contracts.
 9. CAPITAL PROJECTS – preparing proposals for presentation to the main committee

Tan Cox
14th August 2024