

**Notes of the Meeting of the Trustees of Boyes Lane Recreation Ground Charity
504147.**

13th January 2026 at 7.00pm Keyingham Village Hall.

Present:

Rikki Hoggard (Chair)

Neil Whitelam Vice Chair

David Kinnear

David Clark

Mel Smith

David Medforth

Mark Ward

1. Trustees Apologies

Fran Beardow

Debi Miller

Seam McMaster

2. Chairman's Update

RH provided the following update:

- Watering newly planted trees throughout the summer was difficult, especially due to the hosepipe ban. Advice from YW confirmed that hoses could be used to fill buckets to water trees, which helped to some extent.
- Due to the exceptionally dry weather grass cutting was minimal.
- Established fruit trees gave a good yield this year and fruit harvested and frozen to make pies for the Coffee Morning.
- Scrap metal has been removed.
- A pipe repair was carried out by one of the volunteers.
- The organisers of the 'Community Payback' scheme pledged support to assist with dismantling the cabin.

3. Accounts: Treasurers Update

Charity Account balance as of 11th January £849.57

Parish Council Precept Expenditure YTD £202.58

Precepted funds remaining for year ending 31st March 2026 = £797.42.

4. Annual return to CCLA

Trustees discussed the CCLA return due on or by 30th January 2026.

It was confirmed that there has been no income to the Charity Account during the year 2024/25 and that expenditure for the same period totalled £120.00. The return would reflect these figures.

The receipt of the Grant from the Dogger Bank Fund, and purchase of a generator would be reported in the 2025/2026 return, due in January 2027.

5. Proposals for future Activities & Expenditure

5.1 Administration structure Trustees considered the process for initiating and staging events. It was agreed to continue to encourage appropriate activities on the Recreation Ground.

Trustees discussed paths and access to the Recreation Ground. It was proposed to contact Andrew Chudley ERYC to discuss support for access to public footpaths/rights of way.

5.2. Tree planting: the number, type and position of future plantings were discussed. It was agreed to follow the same approach, selecting drought resistant species. Trustees agreed to approach the Woodland Trust for support.

5.3. Old cabin: The removal of the cabin was discussed. It was agreed to approach a local contractor for a price to demolish the cabin on site in preparation for removal.

5.4. Equipment Audit: Trustees to create an inventory of all equipment, tools and their condition. **Action DK**.

5.5. Wildlife feeding and watering: It was agreed to purchase containers.

5.6. Health & safety / risk assessments/ signage: Assessments to be carried out and recommendations made for Trustees consideration at the next meeting. **Action NW**

5.7. Grass cutting: Grass to be left longer to promote wildlife, prevent die back in dry periods. Paths cut through meadow areas and 'picnic area' to be cut as necessary.

5.8. Watering

5.9. Hedge saplings replanting: some self- set saplings to be removed and used to improve hedging elsewhere on the field.

15.10. Family Tree Project: Trustees discussed the opportunity for the

dedication of trees within the Recreation Ground to enable residents to assist with the choice, placing and care of a Tree for their family. Tree species would be chosen from a list of those that would thrive in soil conditions. The cost of the tree would be met by the family and the initial watering/ care would be undertaken by them until the tree became established. A plan of the area with the names of trees and their sponsoring family would be used in preference to dedication plaques, which could impede ground maintenance or become dislodged/removed etc.

Trustees agreed that further discussion and clear details would be required before publicising to residents.

6. AOB

Trustees considered reviewing the Boyes Lane Recreation ground Charity Agreement at the AGM.

Proposed (Amended) Annual Cycle of Meetings:

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Tuesday 15th April 2026 (AGM)

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Tuesday 9th February 2027

Tuesday 28th April 2027 (AGM)