

The Poor's Allotments & Recreation Ground Charities

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Minutes of a Trust meeting for The Poor's Allotments & Recreation Ground Charities on Tuesday 24.3.2026 at 7:50 pm in the Committee Room of Acland Memorial Hall, Cold Ash

Present: CAPC Councillors Murray (PM/Vice-Chair), Maini (VM), Silsby (DS) and Adams (PA)

1 Apologies for Absence NOTED apologies for absence from Councillors McArdle (IM), Hanks (RH), Riley (JR), Pemberton (JP), Codling (HC), Pemberton (JP) Clarke (BC).

2 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes RESOLVED to APPROVE minutes of the 27.1.2026 meeting.

4 Hermitage Road A – Recreation Ground

- i) **RESOLVED** to support proposed new approach and negotiated annual rate and match fees for Cold Ash Boys & Girls FC.
- ii) Craig and Jim shared a presentation covering the proposed investment from the Cold Ash Boys & Girls FC regarding pitch maintenance. After careful discussion it was proposed that the best way forward would be for a member of the trustee board to work with the FC to draft the best way that we could work together and present these recommendations at the next POORs Chrity meeting for consideration. **ACTION:** Select a Trustee willing to work with the FC to develop recommendations that could work for both the FC and the Trust.

B – Car Park

- i) **REVIEWED:** Repairs made were reviewed. **ACTION:** DS as CAPC liaison with AHMC to develop and propose long term maintenance proposals for consideration.
- ii) **ACTION:** As above DS to work with Acland Memorial Hall Management Committee to develop a proposal regarding the building and recommended work on car parking areas for consideration.
- iii) **ACTION:** Resolved to write to the vendor re trading the car park for a trial period to request more detail and to cover restrictions due to parking and access

C – Tennis Courts & Club

- i) **RESOLVED** and supported the proposed changes to the tenancy agreement shared by PM as an action from the last POORs meeting
- ii) **NOTED:** To note that the long-standing contractor maintaining the courts has retired and that a new contractor will be sought in liaison with the Tennis Club.

D – NOTED: Cold Ash Fete To note that the Cold Ash Fete will take place on Saturday 5.9.2026 – use of the Recreation Ground is requested.

5 Allotments and Wildlife Allotment Gardens

A – Allotments To receive an update from the Clerk regarding allotment tenancies, renewals and waiting list.
CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING

B – APPROVED: WAG request from Cold Ash Countryside Volunteers for materials to facilitate various WAG works.

6 Cold Ash Countryside Volunteers (CACV) REVIEWED: Update on work undertaken by CACV on Trust land.

7 Questions & Reports To receive reports and questions - No Questions were extended

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm

Chair Date