

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held on Tuesday 14th April 2015
Hopthorne Farm, 18 Kilsby Road, Barby at 7.30pm

Present: Richard Camp, Derek Middleton, Sally Robbins, Carol Hamp, Peter Owen, Graham Sloper. C Camp - Secretary.

1. Apologies: None. Catherine Lomax did not attend.

2. Declarations of Interest – S Robbins declared she was a member of WI.

3. Minutes of 9th December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

a) Ref 6 of minutes of 9th Dec. Carol Hamp checked the Insurance cover. All land is now itemised. Carol Hamp to obtain the Public Liability Certificate. **C Hamp**

b) G Sloper and S Robbins to meet with C Camp to progress chasing leases. **GS/SR**

c) The Charity Commission have returned Ancient Deeds. These to be deposited at the County Record Office with books of past minutes. **C Camp**

d) Peter Wright has come to the end of his term as a Trustee and no longer wishes to continue. A letter of thanks to be sent to PW and the vacancy to be advertised. Barby Parish Council need to approve nominations.

e) Catherine Lomax will remain as a trustee. It was agreed to ask her again to obtain the outstanding funds from Barby Charity as both signatories have now moved out of the village.

f) WW1 Memorial Bench will be installed shortly.

5. Land Management

a) Allotments

i) SR reported that there are 6 vacant allotment plots. She asked whether these could be let to people outside the parish boundary? It was agreed to reserve the right for Village residents to sue the Allotments as TLC provides facilities for people within the parish.

Vacancies to be advertised in the newsletter and on the Allotment gates.

ii) SR wished to purchase peg down weed suppressant sheeting and a staple gun. This was agreed.

iii) The path has been straightened and levelled with stone, and the brambles have been cut back from the plum trees. Bernard Scott is going to prune them in the Summer.

iv) Most allotment holders have welcomed the gates being unlocked.

v) Concern was raised that the Fruit Cage that has appeared will lead to permanent structures on the Allotments. It was agreed to ask for it to be removed at the end of each season.

b) Millennium Orchard

i) R Camp has agreed to label the species of Apple tree in the orchard. **R Camp**

It was reported that one Apple tree has fallen over. It was agreed to plant 3 pear trees and a plum tree in the autumn.

ii) The cost of mowing has increased by £15 as S Hartwell is no longer mowing other areas of the village. It was agreed to ask him to cut the grass at 3-4 weekly intervals depending on the growth rate.

c) Garage G Sloper to chase up the lease from Loders following a meeting with Graham Lightfoot to ascertain the length of lease required.

d) Tennis Court

Lodders have been instructed to draw up a new 21 year lease between TLC and Barby & Onley Parish Council. This is awaited. GS to chase.

Trustees have looked at the tennis court fence. It was agreed that it is in poor condition and that the vertical posts require replacement.

Mr Lightfoot to be asked to remove hoarding attached to the Tennis Court fence.

It was agreed to get the hedge cut in front of the Tennis Court.

It was reported that Mr Thompson says the Tennis Court needs resurfacing.

e) Pasture Land

3 Year Business Farm Tenancy agreement has been signed. A copy is awaited.

Notice to allow rent negotiation was served on 28th February 2015.

f) Poorlands Arable Lane.

i) A letter to be sent to Howkins and Harrison to ensure they have informed Johnny Evans that the trustees wish to plant trees across the back of the field and confirm a date for the fencing. C Camp to obtain trees from the Woodland Trust in the autumn.

7. Accounts £ 16500 available in Current Account. COIF Account £23,000.

End of year accounts were distributed and included with the minutes.

All trustees to be issued with a copy of TLC constitution.

The remaining funds from Barby Charity account are still awaited. CEE Lomax.

8. Correspondence

Letter from Howkins and Harrison asking if the trustees wish them to serve notice on Carters re the Pasture Land to enable a rent review to take place next year. Agreed.

9. Grants – the following grants were approved:- All applicants will be sent an application form, which are now available on the website:-

a) Grant of £100 to purchase chippings to tidy graves in the churchyard

A request for a metal shed to house the mower will be deferred until the Camps have spoken to Sandy Tocher as the mower could possibly be stored in the Camps barn.

b) £600 to fund transport for Evergreens OAP trips

c) £100 towards WI centenary Celebration Dinner

d) £350 Barby Fete to pay for Band and entertainments

e) £80 to fund medals for Willoughby Challenge Football Competition for Onley Teams.

A grant form to be included with each letter informing the applicant of the grant.

10. Website

Information has been upgraded on the parish website and includes an applicant form and criteria for applying for grants. Details of the application form to be included on the notice boards and in the newsletter.

11. Any Other Business

a) Sally Robbins agreed to write a report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

b) A Summer BBQ will be held on Sat 13th June, (Note the change of date, as the Camps are away on 20th June) from 5-7pm in Millennium Orchard. BYO Drink.

The meeting closed at 21.40

Date of next meeting WED 22 JULY Meet at Allotments 7pm.