

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

Minutes of the meeting held by the Trustees on Monday 11th April at Hophorne Farm, 18 Kilsby Road, Barby at 7.30pm

Present: Sally Robbins (Chair), Richard Camp (Vice Chair), Carol Hamp (Treasurer), Peter Owen, Graham Sloper, Rob Wilson & Cat Sabine (Secretary)

Catherine Lomax (co-opted representative from Barby Charity) did not attend.

1.	<p>Apologies Apologies received from Derek Middleton. Sally Robbins welcomed the new secretary, Cat Sabine to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest Richard Camp declared an interest in a grant application for the Cubs & Beavers.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of last meeting (12th January 2016) Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by Chair, Sally Robbins.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes There were no matters arising from the minutes of 12th January. Previous secretary Catherine Camp sent her thanks to the trustees for her leaving present. She enjoyed a day's willow weaving.</p>	
5.	<p>Leases Graham Sloper reported that the Garage lease is now signed. Trustees thanked Graham for all his hard work recently on the leases. Graham also reported that the Carter's have now given up the pasture land. Trustees were sent reports compiled by Jennifer Whitton (Howkins & Harrison) and Graham Sloper outlining the options available with this land. Trustees discussed the options and made the following decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ask Howkins to try to let the land on a one year grazing rights basis as soon as possible to ensure grass is kept down and income is coming in. 2. To ask Howkins register the land with the Rural Payments Agency for so that we can receive the BPS in future. 3. To ask Howkins to commission part of the suggested work programme - hardcore the stock holding area and fit a new gate at the entrance. 4. To ask Howkins to provide more information on the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, including any possible restrictions. <p>Graham Sloper to email Jennifer at Howkins & Harrison with these requests</p> <p>Deeds Graham Sloper recently had a conversation with the solicitor regarding obtaining proper titles for land owned by the charity. There is no formal need to have this unless charity wants to sell the land. It is possible to apply for the title without the use of a solicitor but trustees felt it would be too complicated. Trustees agreed not to proceed with this at present as they felt it was not worth the expense.</p>	GS

6.	<p>Land Management</p> <p>a) <u>Allotments</u> Re-letting has been completed by Sally Robbins & the accounts have been completed by Carol Hamp. There are currently 7 empty plots. Trustees agreed that it would be best if the empty plots were strimmed, flattened and covered with black plastic. Sally Robbins to confirm which plots are empty & Cat Sabine to instruct Steve Hartwell to carry out the work.</p> <p>b) <u>Millennium Orchard</u> A report has been made by a parishioner that hedge clippings are blocking the drains. This has been checked out. The clippings are not actually in the ditch, and the periodic flooding is not caused by this. Cat Sabine to confirm renewal of contract with Steve Hartwell for grass cutting.</p> <p>Petanque court is in need of more granite dust as well as spraying with weedkiller. Cat Sabine to order the material & advertise in the village newsletter for a person to carry out this work.</p> <p>Cat Sabine applied on behalf of the charity for a Wildflower Mini Meadows project run by Daventry DC. The application has been successful & seeds will be ready soon. Trustees agreed this would be a good project for meadow. Sally Robbins to contact gardening club for some help & advice with planting. It would be good to involve the school with the project also.</p> <p>Apple trees will need pruning in the Autumn. Cat Sabine to obtain contact details of suitable person to carry out the work & pass onto Richard Camp who will arrange to meet them.</p> <p>c) <u>Garage</u> Sally Robbins to send a letter to Richard & Graham wishing them well with their new venture</p> <p>d) <u>Tennis Court</u> A request has been made to put the stile back. This was discussed at a previous meeting and the decision was made not to replace it.</p> <p>e) <u>Charity Pasture Land</u> Trustees thanked Graham Sloper for his work on this.</p> <p>f) <u>Poorlands Arable Land</u> Cat Sabine advised governors of a letter received by Barby Cricket Club requesting repair of fence separating sports field from the arable fields. Graham Sloper confirmed that this was the responsibility of the tenant, Barby Parish Council. Cat Sabine to reply to Barby Cricket Club with this information. Graham Sloper to remind Johnny Evans to carry out the fencing to mark out the new woodland.</p>	<p>SR/CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>SR</p> <p>CS/RC</p> <p>SR/CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>GS</p>
7.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>Carol Hamp reported £24.5K in QUAF shares & £15.8K in the Current Account. Yearly accounts have been done and have been checked by Stewart Cox. Trustees thanked Stewart for his work on this. Carol Hamp to buy him a small gift. Accounts were formally signed by Chair, Sally Robbins. Carol requested that a signatory is added to the account to replace Pete Wright (who needs to come off.) Trustees agreed that Sally Robbins would be signatory. Carol & Sally to arrange this.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH/SR</p>

8.	<p>Correspondence Nothing to discuss on this occasion.</p>	
9.	<p>Grants The following grants were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £150 to Barby Churchyard Maintenance for a bulk bag of stones to cover graves in disrepair • £600 to Evergreen Club for coaches for 3 outings • £400 to Barby History Group to make up the shortfall from sales of their book • £200 to Barby Pre School for printing ink <p>Graham Sloper to send Cat some info on monthly printing subscription to forward to them for possible future savings. Cat Sabine to advise Barby Pre School to ensure grants are not for anything involving running costs in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £886.76 to Barby Church Fete for entertainment & signs <p>Cat Sabine to request they add a sign in front of bouncy castle with "sponsored by Barby Townlands"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £295 to 1st Barby Beaver & Cubs for a camping storage unit. (Cheques must be made payable to Barby Beavers.) • £249.75 to Onley Youth Club for portable skate park goods • £1,100 to Barby Primary School to go towards new playground markings 	<p>GS/CS</p> <p>CS</p>
10.	<p>Any Other Business Cat Sabine advised Graham Sloper that his term of office was at an end & asked if he wished to re-stand? Graham confirmed that he would re-stand for a further 4 years. Annual Parish Meeting is on 25th April. Sally Robbins to attend & report on the Townlands activities for the past 12 months. Next meeting confirmed as 13th July 2016. Trustees to meet at the tennis courts at 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9pm</p>	<p>SR</p>