

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at Hopthorpe Farm, Barby

Present: Sally Robbins, Peter Owen, Richard Camp, Derek Middleton, Rob Wilson, Carol Hamp, Graham Sloper

Apologies: None

1	Apologies for Absence: None	
2	Declarations of Interest: Richard Camp- Cubs and Beavers Sally Robbins: WI Graham Sloper: WI	
3	Minutes of Last Meeting: Agreed and signed	
4	Matters Arising: None	
5	Leases: The pasture land fields have been auctioned for grazing rights and achieved £100 per acre which we have now received from Howkins and Harrison The arable field has been let to Mr Evans again at a rental of £1000 pa No issues in respect of the other leases	

6	<p>Land Management</p> <p>Allotments: The income received from annual rents for the allotments came to £409.50. There are currently 4 vacant plots, three of which have been covered. Agreed that if the one uncovered plot was not let within 3 months (July) we would ask Steve Hartwell to cover that one too. Steve Hartwell has been round and replaced the sheets that blew off in the winter. Brian Thompson says that he has not been paid for weed killing. Carol to talk to him and ask him to re-submit invoice as it appears to have got lost</p> <p>Orchard Sally has not heard from Steve Hartwell about meeting to make sure he knows where wild flowers have been planted, this despite two emails. We have received a bill from him, so concern that he may have already mowed the orchard. It was reported that a member of the public had asked if they could use the orchard for a children’s scavenger hunt which suggests that people may still not be aware that the orchard is for general use by the village. Suggested a piece in the village newsletter making this point. GS to write to Ian Webb. Need to stress that dogs are not allowed Events: It was agreed not to hold the midsummer barbecue this year but the Apple day would go ahead on the 1st October 2017. Agreed to schedule this for discussion at the next meeting</p> <p>Garage Graham and Richard Lightfoot have submitted a planning application for the extension of the garage. This has already been accepted by us. GS wrote to them about the toilet after the last meeting but heard nothing back. Agreed not to pursue this any further. A neighbour had approached Rob asking about the process and the Trust’s role in agreeing the application. This is clear in the lease and the message for anyone making a similar enquiry is that objections and comments must be made through the formal planning process rather than to us.</p> <p>Tennis Courts Nothing to discuss</p> <p>Pasture Land This is now let to Ian Birden on a grazing rights basis. He plans to keep some cattle on the fields this year. The new gates and hardcore area seem to have held up well over the winter and helped us to get a good rental price The Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) money has still not come through and agreed GS would contact Jennifer Whitton again about this</p>	<p>SR CS</p> <p>CH</p> <p>?</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS/CS</p> <p>All to note</p>
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Howkins have been commissioned to make the claim for next year and have submitted their invoice for this

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7	<p>Accounts: There is £8286 in the current account and £26500 in the COIF account</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence GS and SR reported back on issues raised by the owner of 1 Church Walk, concerning drains. This appears to now be resolved although it did involve expenditure on technical and legal advice. CH reported that she had received 100 or so copies of the leaflet about the Iron Age Settlement which we had funded. Agreed that she would hand these back to the History Group</p>	<p>CH</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>WI: £200 agreed for 90th Anniversary celebrations</p> <p>Barby Cubs and Beavers: There was concern about some aspects of this bid, particularly the purchase of an old Land Rover and a shed. The Cubs and Beavers already have £295 "in hand" that was approved at a previous meeting but has not been accessed yet. Agreed that a further £205 would be approved so that a total of £500 would be accessible to the group for camping and outdoor activities. GS to write explains decision and suggest that Andy Sabine talk to RC</p> <p>History Group: Agreed £110 as a retrospective award for the group's "Barby at Work" exhibition</p> <p>Church Fete: Agreed a grant of £350 towards the cost of the equipment and band</p> <p>Evergreens: Agreed a grant of £600 towards the cost of outings</p> <p>Tennis: Agreed the cost of laying out a short tennis court, net and balls at the school subject to confirmation that the school is willing for this to go ahead.</p> <p>Village barbecue: This was not a bid as such but Pippa Reeve had enquired about the possibility of getting a communal gas barbecue that different groups could use. GS had suggested to her that she would need to consider issues such as storage, cleaning, maintenance and H&S before making the request as these were likely to be raised. Following further correspondence this request has been withdrawn for the time being</p>	<p>GS</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>GS and SR had had a meeting with the school (Jody Toone and the Business Manager Catherine). The school were very interested in the possibility of us providing some financial support for a project they have in mind to develop an area that will be behind two new classrooms. The idea is to have something like a nature garden, and an area for play which would require equipment. Contact has been established with Catherine via email and we hope that we could be involved in developing this with them (and parents) over the next year or so.</p> <p>The idea of us providing the school with things such as musical instruments for children who want to learn was also discussed and felt appropriate. However there were concerns about the provision of specific 'hardship' grants (for uniforms etc) which was felt to be problematic as the Trust's money can only be spent for the benefit of Barby and Onley children. This idea was deferred to be brought up again at a future date</p> <p>Sally has spoken again to Catherine Lomax about the transfer of the money from the Barby Poorlands Charity and she will keep trying to unravel this</p>	<p>SR</p>

11	<p data-bbox="293 165 536 201">Future Meetings</p> <p data-bbox="293 232 1273 304">Sally is away for the 19th July meeting but as no alternative date can be found it was agreed to go ahead and Richard will chair</p> <p data-bbox="293 336 1193 443">Richard and Sally are away on the date for the September meeting so it was agreed to change this to Wednesday 13th September at Graham's House, 2 Cleves Cottages</p>	All to Note
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