

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 2 Cleves Cottages, Barby

Present: Sally Robbins (chair), Carol Hamp, Derek Middleton, Graham Sloper

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

1	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Peter Owen, Richard Camp and Rob Wilson</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes were approved and signed by the chair</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising The arable land rent (minute 5) was in fact increased to £1000 this year, action taken by Howkins and Harrison and agreed by the tenant</p>	
5	<p>Leases The pasture land is let to the end of February 2017 on a grazing rent basis and will then be entered into the grass sale in March Hedges and treatment of the grass will need to be done before the sale. Howkins have asked Mr Evans to do this but have not heard what the cost will be yet. The gates and new holding pen have been completed and look good. Agreed the leases would not be on the agenda in the future as a separate item</p> <p>A statement of income for the arable land is needed and GS to ask Howkins for this</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p>

6	<p>a) Allotments No more let so far this year Sally is about to re-start letting process Agreed to hold prices this year but review in January 2017</p> <p>b) Orchard Wild flowers have now been planted but we need to make sure they are not mowed by the contractor. Carol to email Mr Hartwell, grass-cutting contractor Letter of thanks to be sent to Bernard Scott for his advice and work on this Apple Day was very successful again and will take place again next year on 1st Sunday in October. It is believed Cat has booked Morris Dancers for this event TBC</p> <p>c) Garage Graham Lightfoot has submitted a formal request to be allowed to develop the site. Plans were considered and the request was agreed on the provision that all planning permissions are obtained and Building Regulations complied with. Unfortunately toilets have not been included because of the cost. The trustees felt that they would be open to considering a grant if this work could be included but the amount would depend on the cost of the work. A letter to be sent outlining this and confirming the agreement</p> <p>d) Tennis Courts No news for this meeting</p> <p>e) Pasture Land Bernard Scott has spoken to Sally about two issues. Firstly there is some fencing missing in the spinney which means that cattle have got in and damaged some trees. Secondly there is a lot of blackthorn growing. Agreed that we would look at these problems at our July meeting when we usually do a walk around. GS to advise Bernard of this when he writes about the orchard There is also still a problem with the size of the dog gates which mean that larger dogs cannot get through. Carol will have a look and advise what might need to be done</p> <p>f) Arable Field The farmer damaged some of the trees planted with his combine before the fence was erected. Bernard Scott has some trees left over and we will ask him if we could replace the damaged ones with these Sally suggested that an Elm might also be planted and we will ask Bernard about this too</p>	SR CH GS CS GS SR GS CH GS SR
7	<p>Accounts Current account balance is £8849 asap 19th December 2016. This is down quite a bit due to maintenance work done but the grant for the pasture land is due which should bolster it. The COIF account stands at approximately £24,500</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence Carol has had a letter from Grenville Hatton about the History leaflets. A grant for these has already been agreed and Carol will liaise with him over payment Graham has received a letter from Howkins about a government grant for planing woodland. It was decided that this was not appropriate for any of the land owned by the Trust A rather complicated letter came from Howkins about Nitrate Vulnerable Zones. Graham will check with them whether it applies to us</p>	CH GS

9	<p>Grants</p> <p>a) Bob Wilson- Request for funding a new Owl Box. Agreed although after looking at cost of RSPB boxes this was limited to £149.99 plus cost of postage</p> <p>b) Pre-school. Request for a new fence to make the outside area safer. Total cost of £1120 was agreed in full</p> <p>GS to write to the applicants</p>	GS
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Sally has paid for a new Christmas tree and decorations for our 'slot' in the church. Carol to re-imburse</p> <p>b) Visit to school. Sally and Graham to try to meet with the new head. GS to find out her name and arrange</p> <p>c) It was agreed too defer a discussion about whether we should recognise the work that Peter Wright did as chair in some way</p> <p>d) It was agreed that we needed some headed paper and compliments slips and Graham agreed to put something together</p>	<p>SR/CH</p> <p>SR/GS</p> <p>GS</p>
11	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The following dates were agreed:</p> <p>Wednesday 19th April 2017</p> <p>Wednesday 19th July 2017 (Walk around meeting)</p> <p>Wednesday 20th September 2017</p> <p>All to note please</p>	All