

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

Minutes of the meeting held by the Trustees on Tuesday 26th November 2019 Trust met at Hophorne Cottage, Kilsby Road, Barby

Present: Richard Camp (Chair), Graham Sloper (Vice Chair), Rob Wilson, Jo Martin, Sally Robbins & Cat Sabine (Secretary & Treasurer)

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

1.	Welcome & Apologies Apologies received Carol Hamp & Derek Middleton.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting of 17th September 2019 Agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by Chair, Richard Camp	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Day was a success again this year. There was some feedback from villagers requesting signs/labels detailing what the trees are. Richard to investigate this. • Following the recent village climate change meeting, trustees agreed it would be wise to reduce grass cutting in the orchard & to cut just a few paths round rather than the whole area, with a through cut before Apple Day & a clear area around petanque court & BBQ (£m strip) from Spring. Cat to discuss with Steve Hartwell – mowing contractor. • Cat to book either Cut a Caper or a Morris dancing troupe for next year's Apple Day • SR, GS, RW & Charlie still to meet to discuss Charlie's tasks. Hold off until Feb/March, Charlie to maintain paths etc. as best he can over Winter. 	<p>RC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
5.	Carols Around the Tree Mulled wine – several bottles have been donated already. Richard will buy extra Mince pies are being brought by villagers as usual Donations will again be made to Hope4 charity. CS to bring a collection bucket. Song sheets & music – Jo is sorting. Ideally with lyrics but as per last year if it's troublesome to do Tree – Richard has ordered a 13-foot tree, funded by Townlands £135.	<p>CS</p> <p>JM</p>
6.	Land Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Allotments- CS to email Parish Clerk and request that the allotment hedges are cut earlier next year. f) Arable land – nothing to report e) Pasture land – nothing to report d) Tennis Courts – Parish Council is arranging for the gate to be replaced. c) Garage – Discussion about tyres & old cars in the yard. GS to discuss with Graham Lightfoot getting these moved. 	GS

	<p>b) Orchard – theatre project: Trustees looked at the drawings created by Spencer Taffs. There were some concerns about the number of trees being lost as well as potentially high costs of project. Need to investigate getting more detailed drawings with measurements etc. It was also suggested to look at the project on a smaller scale, without the decking, toilets etc. RC proposed coming back together after the holidays with ideas for a budget & suggestions for landscaping the area, as well as any questions & concerns. He added that it might be more sensible to scale it back, landscape the area and initially just make it a more usable space. Trustees all in agreement. CS to add to January meeting agenda.</p>	CS
7.	<p>Accounts £3,800 in current account as at 18th October, (CS awaiting latest statement from CH) & £31,000 in COIF.</p> <p>CS advised that she had found out that withdrawing funds from COIF would incur no charges and takes only a few days. She warned trustees that they would have to withdraw funds from here for the first time in her employment if they gave out all grants due to be discussed & advised caution with grant giving as there have been more maintenance costs this year than previous so funds are a little lower.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence CS advised trustees of a letter sent to Parish Council by Mr. B. Thompson which Townlands was copied into. Trustees agreed there were no issues within this for them to involve themselves in.</p>	
9.	<p>Expenditure Paper – (written by GS) Trustees discussed the paper and agreed to make a few minor amendments – 2 or more quotes required for any grants/expenditure over £2,000. Once GS has made these changes CS will update the grant request form and circulate/add to Parish website.</p>	GS & CS
10.	<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barby Pre – School £342 towards First Aid training for staff. 100% of amount approved. • Barby Churchyard Maintenance - £500 to cover cost of Excess insurance claim following recent mower theft. 100% approved. • Barby Village Hall 50% towards costs of resurfacing front car park. Trustees have requested their accounts to assist them with their decision on this. CS to request from Village Hall Committee 	CS
11.	<p>AOB None</p>	