

## **BTET meeting Weds 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Apologies:** Cat (poorly) Richard (forgot and went to ice hockey)

**Present:** Rob (chair), Carol, Derek, Graham and Jo

### **Matters arising**

*Platinum jubilee* – as per previous email communications Jo working on Barby platinum jubilee celebrations and we have already agreed £250 towards planters and plant. Trustees also agreed further £150 towards prizes for children's fancy dress plus any other costs towards the village picnic on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. **Resp: JO**

*Village Sign Board* – ordered and installation being planned – Richard taking lead on this & will cooperate with parish council. **Resp:; RICHARD**

*Map of village assets on the board* – needs to be on A3 Derek to ask his son about availability of large printer. Ask Richard to create a map or ask Catherine Camp if parish council already has something. **Resp: DEREK/RICHARD**

### **Leases**

*Fencing* - Graham advised renewed leases until 2025. Discussion about fencing work for the land currently used by Mr Ofield. Will cost approx. £1k. Graham liaising with Howkins & Harrison. BTET have agreed to pay and will get grant of £1743 will cover the cost. **Resp: GRAHAM**

*Woodland idea* - converting field containing Camp's copses to woodland/meadow/wetland for community. Grants are being removed in 2025 but confident other incentives will be in place. 23 acres. Potential loss of income vs. adding asset to the village. All in agreement a good idea. Need to consider drainage as bottom of field does get muddy. Will need a review and we agreed to have feasibility study – possible cost £250. Also need to consider management and ownership going forward after conversion. Graham taking lead other BTET trustees to help. **Resp: GRAHAM & ALL**

### **Land Management**

*Allotments* - Jo reports about allotments, change of tenants, thanking Derek for repairing gate, tap and removing tree. Several tenants have commented about state of "abandoned" allotment. General tightening up on this and there will be regular checks. Agreed to employ youth for a few hours to remove compost and rubbish on plot 9A and plot 27. Plot 27 is urgent as new tenants start 1<sup>st</sup> April. Jo to discuss with Cat. Clearance of plot 9A will mean we can plant fruit trees. Jo to discuss with Cat. Discuss fees – agreed £25 or £12.50 for pensioners regardless of size. Also agreed for new tenants £30 deposit. **Resp; JO/CAT**

*Orchard* - Tree labels in orchard – ongoing by Richard **resp; RICHARD**

*Apple Day in Orchard* - agreed 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> October. Catherine Camp advised 2 x gazebos available. Cat to ask for Morris dancers please and we can go with whichever date they are available. **Resp: CAT**

*Tennis court* – Rob to spray weedkiller again. **Resp: ROB**

## Finance and Accounts

*Accounts* – are with Nigel for completion £35K in charity a/c and £13k in NatWest current a/c

*Grants* – Evergreen coach request £600 for river cruise approved

School sensory garden - £1500 but £1000 approved but would like PTA/parents/school to make contributions. Perhaps PTA etc. can do planting & suggest they approach Barby Nurseries for discount on plants. Cat, please feed this back to them **resp: CAT**

Dot Crowe - £112 for clay for project with school – approved

*Youth Grant* – Kyle Hughes - £100 agreed

*Kindness token* – agreed in principle need to ask other organisations eg. WI/Evergreens/school etc about worthy recipients. Need to make sure we don't miss anyone out.

*BTET fund approval* – Cat to check and confirm how much we can individually agree to without having to checking with trustees – was it £150 each?? **Resp: CAT**

## BTET Admin

*Vacancy* – there is technically a vacancy. Agreed that we don't necessarily have to fill it. Asking Cat to clarify if needed and how would we advertise. Need to be careful of applicants with hidden agendas/conflict of interests. **Resp: CAT**