

Minutes of HPFRGC Trustees' Meeting 28.03.2022

Present

Nick Baker, Shirley Sainsbury, Maggie Prettyman, Louise Chicken, Harry Purnell, Anne Holloway, Viv Tallwin

Guest – Jackie Middleton. The chairman welcomed Jackie to the meeting

Apologies - Claire Madden, Eilish Rothney, Julie Wones, Gemma Scarborough

Minutes of previous meeting Accepted as a true record.

Matters arising – None not elsewhere on agenda.

Finance

LC presented the current accounts.

Covid Issues

The covid restrictions already in place were deemed to still be appropriate.

Action:

SS to organise outside toilets to be open from 9am – 4pm asap.

Correspondence

The garden flooding in Tate Loke has proved not to be a simple solution as Anglia Water and Highways will not allow any standing water to be run off into their drains. The original tarmac company's engineer to re visit to discuss tarmac options. The residents have been informed of issues raised.

Action: NB to organise.

Fund Raising + Events 2022

The Queen's Platinum Anniversary (2/5th June) The PC will sponsor 1 hog roast for the 5th June but further talks are required with the PC regarding 'ticket sales/free access/underwriting shortfall'.

Action:

NB/MP organise meeting with the PC

Strawberry Fair will combine with the Village Show on the 23/24th July. Set up on the 23rd along with judging of classes. The 24th will be the show day.

Croquet Quiz on the 2nd April fully booked.

Gym Quiz date 25th June for Charity (Gym) fund raising for new equipment.

Grant Applications –

NB applying to the NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund for various 'green' projects under the Charity's remit - Community Garden, EV Charger, Additional PV, Orchard, Possibly ventilation. In progress

Health & Safety Update

Play area – New bark has been distributed with the help of children from Hickling School (Big thank you to Julie for arranging the children!).

Some repairs still O/S.

Action:

NB to organise repairs.

SS to organise Rospa check when repairs have been completed.

Maintenance/Works Programme

Malcom Abbs to quote for larger works required and meeting NB on 4 April.

Car Park posts replacements in hand.

Action - NB

Community Orchard phase 2 and grass seeding are now completed. A very successful day was held on the 19th March when a further 30 trees were planted with some parishioners requesting memorial plaques for their special tree. A £70 donation towards the cost of felling the 2 old trees was gratefully received. A suggestion of donated benches around the recreation ground was discussed and JM very kindly offered to donate the first one.

Action – MP to organise memorial plaques. SS to organise article in news sheet.

Community Garden Update

The raised beds are now ready for planting up. Tesco has accepted the Community Garden project for their 'blue token' scheme running from April – June. National Garden Scheme funding is closed until the summer. A meeting on the 8th April to discuss roles and support required for ongoing maintenance.

Action AH to organise

Trustees Roles, reports, other support,

Additional support for the Secretary is in progress.

Action SS/NB to meet with JM

The village survey has now closed and results to be published soon.

Action MP to organise

5 year Business Plan

Due to covid circumstances it was agreed that this should be deferred until 2023. The business position is currently sound and some of the ongoing projects may well influence what we do in the future

AOB

Cinema will resume on the 22nd April, but the James Bond film has not been confirmed due to the changes in booking processes.

Agreed that whilst legal, we need to ensure that seating arrangements will allow for social distancing to allow everyone who wishes to, to attend.

Noted that KB is unable to run the film on this night, but is actively chasing volunteers to help out.

Next meeting

Monday 11th April