

Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

Minutes of the meeting held by the Trustees on Monday 5th February 2019 Trust met at Hophorne Farm, 18 Kilsby Road, Barby at 7.30pm

Present: Richard Camp (Chair), Graham Sloper (Vice Chair), Rob Wilson, Carol Hamp, Jo Martin, Derek Middleton & Cat Sabine (Secretary)

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

1.	Welcome & Apologies Apologies received from Sally Robbins	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting of 25th July 2018 Agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by Chair – Richard Camp.	
4.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timbertech have done a fantastic job in the Millennium Orchard. They have taken the hedge adjacent to Village Farm back to the ditch. Currently a pig netting fence in place. They are waiting for a track grinder to be able to do the blackthorn area down to the bottom. This work should be completed by end of March. There is currently pig netting fence in place. There is also barbed wire on top of Village Farm fence. RC recommends the wire is removed and a 5 bar post and rail fence is put up. Trustees agreed. CS to obtain quotes from Froggley & Billy Dickinson for this work. - RC put in a grant request to DDC Community Grant scheme for work on amphitheatre. This was heavily oversubscribed so we are unlikely to receive. - Catherine Camp has put in a grant request for £15K (Pocket Parks) on behalf of Parish Council for the orchard amphitheatre. She will advise on whether or not we are successful. If no grants will fund the project, we will self fund as it will be a great asset to the village. - Petanque Court – Granite dust to be ordered and replenished by spring. Sleepers to be covered in chicken wire also. - Carols around the tree – Great success with over 100 people in attendance. £65 raised for Hope4. Will purchase more lights for the permanent trees for this year. Cost to Townlands to host the event was £90. 	CS
5.	<p>Leases</p> <p>GS needs all files back to review leases. To arrange collection with CS.</p> <p>Mr Evans has paid eventually.</p>	GS & CS

	<p>Mr Birden will rent the field again this year for £100 as long as he cuts the hedges.</p> <p>Hedge between our two fields hasn't yet been cut. GS unsure who is responsible & will discuss with Jennifer at Howkins & Harrison.</p> <p>Stock fencing is complete at bottom of field.</p> <p>GS emailed trustees about a broken stile. CH is arranging for Steve Hamp to repair this as well as one further down with a broken dog flap.</p> <p>Will receive the Rural Payments grant until 2020. Unsure after that.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>CH</p>
6.	<p>Land Management</p> <p>a) Allotments: RC to speak to SR about using Charlie Wilson for regular maintenance in allotments – weed killing paths & possibly cutting of grass paths. SR to then liaise with Charlie her requirements.</p> <p>Sally updated trustees via email that 2 new allotments have been taken up. Prices have been increased to £22 per year. Money will be coming in shortly.</p> <p>Brian Thompson has complained to Sally via email about the weeds in the allotment. Sally has responded to him that she is confident we are maintaining weeds and she outlined the efforts being made to minimize weed growth.</p> <p>Billy has created the new path to the tap as requested. He used the gravel from the other paths as there was plenty & saved us £150.</p> <p>b) Millennium Orchard: Covered in previous item.</p> <p>c) Garage: No issues</p> <p>d) Tennis Courts: No issues</p> <p>e) Charity Pasture Land: RC has a friend who has recently completed a hedge laying course and would like to practice on some of our hedges. Trustees agreed, great idea.</p> <p>Lock on gate Ian Birden has a key. GS to explain to him we must have access when required. CH to arrange for CS to be given the spare key for safekeeping.</p> <p>Bernard Scott requested volunteers for planting more trees. Trustees happy to help. SR to email date and time to all trustees & those available will attend.</p>	<p>RC & SR</p> <p>GS & CH</p> <p>SR</p> <p>RC</p>

	<p>RC to liaise with Charlie Wilson about putting curb granules around the current trees.</p> <p>f) Poorlands Arable Land: Covered in item 5.</p>	
7.	<p>Accounts £13K in Current Account & £31 in COIF.</p> <p>Nigel Gove has agreed to take over preparing Year End accounts. CS has created Excel spreadsheet for bookkeeping & has completed most of the Year End herself. She will hand over to Nigel for him to check etc.</p> <p>Trustees had a discussion about the large amount of money in accounts. Agreed that they will need to spend a substantial amount on the garage at some point in the future when the current owners give it up.</p>	CS
8.	<p>Correspondence Thank you letters received from Twinning Association & WI.</p> <p>RC received a letter from Doug Lintern about the state of the trees in the orchard. He has responded that the trees are well looked after.</p>	
9.	<p>Grants £100 to WI for Roz Galt to attend a course at Denham College.</p> <p>£200 to Football Club. Trustees happy to provide more funding if required. RC to liaise with Sam Saeed on this.</p> <p>Young Persons Grant – only 2 applications so far which is a shame. CS to do another Facebook post with suggestions on how money can be spent as well as updating the blurb in the newsletter.</p>	RC
10.	<p>AOB None</p>	