## Barby Townlands and Educational Charity

## Minutes of the meeting held by the Trustees on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Trust met via Zoom e to COVID-19 restrictions

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

1.	Welcome & Apologies	
	Apologies received from Sally Robbins. Trustees all wished Sally a happy	
	birthday.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting of 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	
	Approved as an accurate record of the meeting	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes	
	Orchard – RC has investigated signs for the apple trees. £9.90 each,	
	approximately 20 trees. Trustees agreed these should be purchased once	
	RC has confirmed the tree types in Spring. RC also researched the	
	noticeboard idea and suggested a freestanding, glass fronted one that we	
	can add notices etc. to. To be discussed in more detail in Item 6.	
5.	Leases	
	• Pastureland - GS contacted Ian Burden by text to find out if he wishes to	
	rent the pastureland again this year but has yet to receive a response.	
	GS will contact Howkins & Harrisons to ask them to reach out to him	GS
	& confirm whether he is going to continue to rent this land. If he	
	decides not to, it will go to grass auction at the end of February.	
	•Garage –Trustees gave Richard Lightfoot a rent reduction down to £250	
	in November & December 2020 with the expectation full rent is paid in	
	Jan 2021. He has only paid £250 for January and so is now in arrears.	
	GS to contact him to discuss. RW offered his help to look at any grants	GS
	available that could help Richard. Trustees sympathise with Richard	
	during current circumstances, however full rent is expected each	
	month moving forwards. If he cannot afford this & wishes to come out	
	of his lease, trustees are accepting of this & discussed potential future	
	of the garage.	
	<ul> <li>Parish Council currently leases play area, sports field &amp; tennis courts</li> </ul>	
	from us. These leases may be due to be renewed (GS / CS to check).	CS
	Trustees all agreed they do not wish to increase the rates at present.	
	GS will check with solicitor whether the lease review letter needs to	GS
	come from them or CS as Secretary.	

6.	Land Management	
0.	Allotments – renewals due in Feb. CS has sent updated form to Sally.	CS
	Currently no plots available & 2 on waiting list	
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	Garage Discussed in Joacos above	
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	Toppic Court Nothing to discuss	
	Tennis Court – Nothing to discuss	
	Pastureland – Howkins & Harrisons have sent out a letter reporting on	
	how the rural payments scheme will change following Brexit. £2,069 this	
	year, £1.742 in 2022, £1,415 in 2023, £1,089 in £2024. A new scheme will	
	replace this one and is currently being worked on by the government.	
	Once trustees know what this new scheme will bring in, a conversation	
	needs to be had about this land.	
	Orchard – RC will identify more trees in the Spring for the sign project &	
	ensure this is completed in time for Apply Day in October.	
	Trustees discussed a noticeboard & agreed it would be good to have a	
	glass fronted one that can have notices of Townlands events etc. put up as	
	well as a map showing all the charity's assets. It was agreed this would be	
	best placed just outside the park by Church Walk as more visible to	
	villagers and would act as a parking deterrent. <b>RC to order.</b>	RC
	Children it has been noticed that means of the stiller on Terry levels level	
	Stiles – it has been noticed that many of the stiles on Townlands land,	
	around Camps Copse etc. are unsafe and falling apart. Trustees discussed	
	the options for replacing. GS has investigated & suggested replacing the	
	stiles with kissing gates. Wooden gates would cost £321 incl' VAT,	
	galvanized steel £486 inc' VAT.	
	All bridges need handrails and anti-slip mesh adding, with some needing	GS & CS
	repair also. Approximate cost is £2,000 using wooden gates. GS to draw up	
	a spec & CS to source quotes for the work.	
7.	Accounts	
1	£8,500 in current account as at 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. CS in process of doing year	
	end accounts & will send completed accounts to Nigel Gove for him to	
	audit. CS is also in the process of setting up online banking & obtaining a	
	debit card	
8.	Correspondence	
	None	
9.	Grants	
40	None	
10.	Any Other Business	
	RC reminded trustees that it was agreed the Chair's role should be passed	
	on every 2 years. GS would prefer not to put himself forward at this time.	

RW expressed an interest. It was agreed that trustees would select a new	
Chair & Vice Chair at the next meeting in March/April.	