**Barby Townlands and Educational Charity**

**Minutes of the meeting held by the Trustees on 18th June 2025
Trustees met at Orchard House, Balding Close, Barby**

Present: Robert Wilson (Chair), Jo Martin, Ross Middleton, Derek Middleton, Phil Wagg, Katie Harris & Cat Sabine (Secretary & Treasurer)

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| 1. | **Welcome & Apologies**New trustee Katie Harris welcomed to the meeting & as a trustee. |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Interest**2 trustees are members of Barby Woodland Trust (not applicable to this meeting)Trustee Phil Wagg is on Barby Parish Council as well as Parish Council Representative for the Sport Field. |  |
|  | \*\*unfortunately due to a computer fault, minutes of the last meeting are unavailable\*\* |  |
| 3. | **Leases**Nothing to discuss at this time. |  |
| 4. | **Land Management (if not covered above):*** 1. Allotments- All leaks fixed. Anglian Water also agreed to fix broken meter.2 more plots have been let & 1 third of an allotment let for free for remainder of the year as it needs a lot of clearing.
	2. Millennium Orchard - BOPC have very kindly paid for hedgerows at front of tennis courts to be cut. The path that runs up to the orchard needs looking at as very overgrown. Cat to speak to Simon Mills & possibly Timbertech to get quotes & arrange.Trustees had a discussion about tree maintenance – need to look at this when Richard moves out of the village.Discussion about boules court. Cost of maintaining may not be worth the very low usage. Agreed to leave as is for now, but if sleepers become a problem we need to make a decision. Katie to take photos of area to bring to next meeting for further discussion. Jo to discuss with WI as they are currently the only ones that use it (one a year.)
	3. Garage - There has been a large fire at the garage this afternoon with multiple fire engines in attendance and significant damage caused. Priority will be getting the site secured. Looking like a complete rebuild. Rob provided assistance to Richard with dealing with this & has spoken to the insurance broker this afternoon. Rob is meeting the loss adjusters with Richard at the weekend. Once they’ve visited we will have more information & can discuss how to help him further & next steps.
	4. Tennis Court- BOPC would like to get rid of the shed. Not been open for a long time & is falling down. Phil to look at what’s inside & feedback. Rob & Derek will assist with pulling it down.
	5. Barby Woodlands- Accessible path has been built this week. Wetlands is being re-dug by Cummins next week. Hard standing area being created for occasional lorry use, this will not be a car park.
 | CatKatie/JoPhil/Rob/Derek |
| 9. | **Accounts**Nigel Gove will audit the 2024 accounts when he returns from holiday later this month & then Cat will share round to trustees & upload onto Charities Commission |  |
| 10. | **Correspondence**Email from BOPC chair, Faith Gorman regarding the ongoing water issue at Church Walk. BOPC have managed to get Anglian Water out to dig down & they have found and repaired a broken pipe. Trustees really pleased this issue has hopefully been resolved.Also further correspondence regarding meeting minutes. Phil has explained that the BOPC website is currently being updated. We will receive a letter asking us to look at the content of our page on current page & going forwards will provide us with a user name and password to upload minutes ourselves. Cat to send minutes to Faith Gorman once approved by Rob until we get to point of uploading onto new website. | Cat |
| 11. | **Grants to be Considered**Evergreens/WI day trip to Windsor approved 50% of the coach cost up to £407.50Dorothy Crowe pottery project grant approved for £242.31 |  |
| 12. | **Any Other Business**None |  |
| 13. | **Date of Next Meeting**Wednesday 10th September at 7pm |  |