



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY, HELD IN THE BARN, ADJACENT TO ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CHURCH LANE, ENBORNE, RG20 OHD ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr. Leeson (Chair)

Cllr. Garrett (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Kendall

Cllr. Dibas

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Members of the Public: 2

District Cllr. 0

The Clerk announced that the Clerk is recording the meeting for minute purposes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Ward Members – Cllrs. Cole and Rowles sent their apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All trustees declared a personal interest as Parish Councillors to Enborne Parish Council.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS- UN-MINUTED

None.

4. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MEETING**

Trustees **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Poor's Allotment Charity Meeting held on Monday 20 September 2021.

5. **THE NEW ENBORNE PARISH FIELD CHARITY**

Cllr. Leeson said each Trustee should have received notice of our application to open a new charity, the Enborne Parish Field Charity, (EPFC) a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), has been approved by the Charities Commission. The Charity account (no. 1196373) was opened on the 2nd November 2021. The Trustees are recorded as Sam Dibas, Christopher Garrett, Natasha Kendall and John Leeson. All Trustees confirmed they had received details regarding the EPFC now being registered with the Charity Commission.

6. **CLOSING THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY**

Cllr. Garrett said that we need to close the Poor's Allotment Charity with the Charity Commission and transfer its assets to the Enborne Parish Field Charity (EPFC). This will involve several actions including:

- Presumably we will have to file a final set of accounts
- Seeking advice from Stephens Scown

- Transferring the title from the old Poor's Allotment Charity to the new EPFC
- Novating our lease option and lease agreements with Calleva to the new charity
- Opening a bank account for the EPFC and transferring the Poor's Charity funds

The Poor's Allotment Charity currently bank with the Newbury Building Society (NBS). It was confirmed to continue to bank with the NBS and change the name to EPFC. Moving forward, because NBS don't provide online banking for Charity accounts, which can be problematic, the Clerk was asked to make enquires to new banks and talk to the Unity Trust Bank who the Parish Council bank with. The Clerk will investigate new Charity bank accounts that provide online access and report back to Council.

ACTION: Clerk

7 **APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE SOLAR FARM**

CLLrs. Leeson and Garrett as Trustees of the Poor's Allotment Charity received an e-mail request from Calleva on the 4th November 2021 – a copy shown below.

From: Jane Grindey <jane@callevacommunity.uk>

Sent: 04 November 2021 13:27

To: Chris Garrett <chgenbornepc@gmail.com>; John Leeson <john.leeson@btinternet.com>

Subject: Solar Farm and planning permission

Dear Chris and John

As you are aware, we are considering a number of options for the solar farm. These will be impacted not least by the cost of the local 400 kW grid connection and the decision from Gridserve as to whether or not they may be interested in a local site to which we might be able to connect a private wire from the farm. We don't know the answers to these questions as yet. Other options we could explore include looking at a DC battery to optimise our generation and grid export mix.

In the meantime, we do have spare grant funding, and a fast approaching deadline (we must submit a feasibility study by the end of this year to RCEF). We would also like to make sure we get the most that we can with respect to real community value from the grant. As we are so close to having all we need to submit a planning application, we would like to propose that we do so now, before the full feasibility study has been produced. We would also propose that we do this for the full 2MW farm.

I know that this is not the order that we agreed in our lease option discussions. I am therefore writing to check whether the Trustees agree to the proposal?

With best regards

Jane Grindey

Director

Calleva Community Energy

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Calleva would like to submit a planning application as soon as possible and perhaps before they receive a detailed quotation for the grid connection. The agreement with Calleva, at present, is that they should finish and submit the feasibility study before proceeding with the planning application. If the Trustees consider the Feasibility Study will consist of:

1. Technical Feasibility--- which has been demonstrated
2. Community Consultation--- which was overwhelmingly positive
3. Financial Viability--- this has yet to be demonstrated, but this is solely a risk for Calleva and not a risk for the Charity

Proceeding now would allow Calleva to use the grant funding which they have received from RCEF. The Charity will need to fully support the planning application.

Trustees **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm that they agree and support for Calleva to submit a planning application as soon as possible.

8 **TRUSTEES– ANY FURTHER REPORTS/QUESTIONS**

None raised.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next Poor's Allotment Charity Meeting is on Monday 24th January 2022.