

Poor's Allotment and Enborne Parish Field Charities

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The following trustees were present:

John Leeson (Chair)
Chris Garrett (Vice-Chair)
Natasha Kendall
Sam Dibas

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Members of the Public: 7

MINUTES FOR THE POORS ALLOTMENT and ENBORNE PARISH FIELD CHARITIES,
held in the Falklands Cricket Club, Enborne Street, Newbury RG14 6TW in the
Community Club Room on Monday 24th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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**

No apologies received. All trustees present.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All trustees declared an interest as being Parish Councillors of Enborne Parish Council.

3. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Trustees **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Poor's Allotment Charity Meetings held on Monday 15th November 2021 and 6th January 2022.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS- UN-MINUTED**

There was extensive discussion with several questions raised. These are recorded in item 9.

5. **FINANCE**

Trustees **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm the statement of account to date as shown in Appendix 1.

6. **UPDATE ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE SOLAR PROJECT**

The Chair reported that the planning application had been submitted to West Berkshire Council and is now waiting to be validated before becoming live.

7. **UPDATE ON TRANSFERRING THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY TO ENBORNE PARISH FIELD CHARITY (EPFC)**

The Chair reported that following legal advice, and because the Poor's Allotment Charity is an unincorporated charity, it can't legally own the field, hence the involvement of the Parish Council as a trustee. A new Charity, the Enborne Parish Field Charity, has since been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The new charity now has a Charity Commission registration number, 1196373. The Poor's Allotment Charity still exists but will be closed shortly, once the assets of the Poor's Allotment Charity held in trust have been transferred to Enborne Parish Field Charity.

A member of the public had asked if someone who lived outside the Parish could be a trustee? The Chair said they could, but to bear in mind that the charity objectives are for the benefit of the residents of Enborne, and all trustees must be eligible. The Chair also said the reason for changing who could be trustees was to facilitate the independence of the charity from the parish council, which will in turn overcome the conflict of interest which is often raised. It was noted that seven trustees could be on the Enborne Parish Field Charity.

The Clerk was instructed to change the bank account name from The Poor's Allotment Charity to the Enborne Parish Field Charity. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

None.

9 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

The members of the public raised 3 questions during public questions.

Q1. What personal financial interest do the trustees have in the project in the Solar Farm?

Q2. What do the Parish Council intend to do about the ditches on the southern end on the Poor's Allotment to alleviate the existing flooding in Spring Gardens?

Q3. Do you think there is scope to revisit the Solar Farm plans and to have a conversation with Calleva to improve and alleviate the flooding to Spring Gardens?

A meeting between Calleva, the residents of Spring Gardens and the Trustees/Councillors has been mooted. The residents of Spring Gardens have requested time to study the planning application and will come back to us with some proposed meeting dates. Regarding question one the trustees affirmed that they have no personal financial interest in the Solar Farm. The other two questions will no doubt be part of the discussions at the proposed meeting.

10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

To be determined.

APPENDIX 1

POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO DATE PREPARED FOR 24 JANUARY 2022 MEETING.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT *= New transactions from last meeting

Opening balance on 1st April 2021 £9,276.87

Income

Wayleave	£112.09
Grazing Licence Renewal	£800.00
NBS Interest *	£15.91
Rural Payments Agency*	£1,367.49
Wayleave *	£110.72
Total	£2,406.21

Expenditure

Stephens and Scown LLP	£1,404.54
Membership of CLA	£249.00
Stephens and Scown LLP	£1,823.24
Simmonds & Sons	£780.00
Came and Co Insurance	£218.00
Stephens and Scown LLP	£1,308.00
<i>Stephens and Scown LLP</i>	<i>£448.80</i>
<i>Stephens and Scown LLP *</i>	<i>£367.20</i>
<i>Stephens and Scown LLP *</i>	<i>£550.80</i>
Total	£7,149.58

Closing Balance to date	£4,533.50
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