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MINUTES

MINUTES FOR THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2021 – 8pm - REMOTE MEETING.

Present: Cllr. Leeson (Chair)

Cllr. Garrett (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Kendall

Cllr. Ramah

Cllr. Robinson

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

Members of the Public: 2

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.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

3. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS- UN-MINUTED**

No public questions were raised.

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 14 September 2020.

5. **FINANCE**

Trustees approved the Financial Statement as shown at Appendix 1. The Clerk had emailed the Trustees an additional payment that Cllr. Leeson had paid, being the CLA Membership for £249. (CLA is a membership organisation for owners of land, property and businesses in rural England who provide advice to members) All Trustees agreed the additional payment. The Clerk will raise payment to reimburse Cllr. Leeson.

6. **UPDATE ON POORS FIELD SOLAR PROJECT**

At the last meeting of the Trustees on the 14th Sept 2020 Cllr. Garrett reported that Calleva's application to RCEF had been successful and that they had been awarded £39,999 to finance a feasibility study. The funding was to be administered by the Greater South East Energy Hub. To date funds have been released to enable Calleva to:

1. Contact SSE and solicit and indicative grid connection cost.
2. Seek planning pre-application advice from West Berkshire Council.

Calleva have applied to SSE for an indicative grid connection cost. This indicative cost is subject to revision when a more detailed application is submitted. Calleva report that the budget connection offer for a solar farm generating between 2-3MW is very reasonable and is in their opinion a good indicator for an economically viable solar farm.

The planning pre-application advice was received from WBC Planning and Development Department on the 8th December 2020. The comments are helpful in that they highlight potential difficulties. The advice is written in accordance with current West Berkshire Development Plan. This plan has not been revised since WBC recognised a “climate emergency” and resolved to achieve zero net CO2 emissions by 2030. Given the declared climate emergency the new West Berkshire Development Plan, which is being drafted, will, we expect, remove some of the outdated planning constraints currently embedded in the current plan. Cllr. Garrett and the trustees are hopeful that Calleva will receive a further tranche of funding and soon embark on the detailed feasibility study.

Discussions are continuing with the EPC Charity’s lawyers and Calleva to finalise lease option and lease agreements.

7. **GRAZING AGREEMENT EXPIRES 28/02/2021**

Cllr. Leeson proposed that the grazing agreement should be offered for renewal for 2021. The existing agreement gives rights to enter the field thus enabling the feasibility study. CLA have advised us to consider a revised form of agreement should we wish to graze jointly with solar in the future. Calleva however consider there is no risk of solar installation work following the feasibility study commencing within the next year. Renewal of the grazing agreement unchanged for a further year was therefore agreed. The agreement can be reviewed once the Trustees know more details following the feasibility study.

8. **CHARITY FIELD - REGISTER OF DEEDS PROGRESS UPDATE**

Cllr. Garrett had no more to report on this item, and advised it was best to wait until we know more regarding the solar farm. This item will be carried forward to the next Charity meeting.

9. **TRUSTEES– ANY FURTHER REPORTS/QUESTIONS**

No further reports.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next Poor’s Allotment Charity Meeting is on Monday 26th April 2021 starting at 8pm.

APPENDIX 1

POOR'S ALLOTMENT CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO DATE FOR 4 JANUARY 2021 MEETING.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Opening balance on 1st April 2020 £10,049.47

Income		Date of Payment.
Grazing Licence Renewal	£800.00	02.06.2020
Rural Payments Agency	£1,438.94	01.12.2020

Total £2,238.94

Expenditure

Came and Co Insurance 2021	£218.00	01.04.2020
Councillor Expenses	£47.20	01.04.2020
Simmons & Sons Legal Fee	£300.00	01.08.2020
Stephens and Scown LLP	£2,700.00	24.09.2020

Total £3,265.20

Closing Balance at 4 January 2021 £9,023.21

Trustee

John Leeson

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