



# Enborne Parish Council

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## **MINUTES FOR THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY, HELD IN THE FALKLANDS CRICKET CLUB, ENBORNE STREET, NEWBURY, RG14 6TW IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Cllr. Leeson (Chair)

Cllr. Garrett (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Kendall

Cllr. Dibas (from Item 7)

**Clerk:** Mrs K Lloyd

**Members of the Public:** 1

**District Cllr.** James Cole (from item 8)

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**

Cllr. Dibas sent apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

3. **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 held between Monday 4 January 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

5. **FINANCE**

Trustees **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm the statement of account for year ending 31/03/2021 and the statement of Financial Transactions to date as both shown as Appendix 1.

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

Cllr. Garrett reported that the trustees now know the size, location (within the field) and design of the proposed solar farm. There is a Public Consultation scheduled for Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September in the Falkland Cricket Club Community Room. Leaflets have been circulated to households to advertise the public consultation along with information on the website and the facebook page.

Partners Calleva Community Energy will be present to discuss visual amenity, ecology, drainage.

There is no full economic analysis as Calleva are still waiting for quotations from SSE, the grid provider for hook up costs. Once we have the details of the grid connection Calleva will have to decide if the project is

economically viable, the Charity Trustees will have to sign off on the feasibility study and then the proposals will have to go to West Berkshire Council for Planning.

*(Cllr. Dibas arrived)*

7 **CHANGING CHARITY TO A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)**

Cllr. Garrett reported that the trustees asked Stephens Scown solicitors to advise on modernising the Governance of the Poor's Allotment Charity. The advice received was to change the Governance model to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and that to mitigate future conflicts of interest the Charity should no longer be managed exclusively by Parish Councillors.

The trustees further engaged Stephens Scown to help through the application process with the Charity Commission. The trustees are expecting for approval, a final draft application from Stephens Scown any day now. With the help of Stephens Scown, the trustees are preparing new Governance Documents, including a grants policy and business plan. The Poor's Charity will be renamed the Enborne Parish Field Charity.

It will have up to 6 trustees who do not have to be Parish Councillors. The Enborne Parish Field Charity will own the Parish Field

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

Cllr Garrett also reported the key facts to having a Solar Panel Farm in the Parish.

2MW Enborne Solar PV array will:

- generate 2,500,000 kWh clean energy per year
- save over 450 tonnes of carbon emissions per year
- equates to electricity supply for c.700 average UK homes or c.240 average UK homes including 10,000 miles electric car charging each year
- lead to an increase in the diversity and abundance of broad-leaved plants, grasses, butterflies, bumblebees, and birds (Westmill Solar Farm research 2016)
- add to local energy security
- provide active learning environments for local schools and college students

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

To confirm the date of the next Poor's Allotment Charity Meeting on either Monday 10<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This was asked to be deferred until the Parish Council Meeting date was confirmed.

## APPENDIX 1

### POOR'S ALLOTMENT CHARITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021.

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**Opening balance on 1st April 2020**                      **£10,049.47**

#### **Income**

Grazing Licence Renewal	£800.00
Rural Payments Agency	£1,438.94
Refund from Came and Company	£218.00
Interest	£35.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,492.60</b>

#### **Expenditure**

Came and Co Insurance 2021	£218.00
Councillor Expenses	£47.20
Simmons & Sons Legal Fee	£300.00
Stephens and Scown LLP	£2,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,265.20</b>

<b>Closing Balance at 31 March 2021</b>	<b>£9,276.87</b>
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## POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO DATE PREPARED FOR 20 SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Opening balance on 1st April 2021                      **£9,276.87**

#### Income

Wayleave    £112.09

Grazing Licence Renewal                                      £800.00

**Total    £912.09**

#### 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

*Stephens and Scown LLP*                                        £448.80

**Total    £6,231.58**

<b>Closing Balance to date</b>	<b>£3,957.38</b>
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