



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES FOR THE POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY. MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 – 7.30pm - REMOTE MEETING.

Present: Cllr. Leeson (Chair)

Cllr. Garrett (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Kendall

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd

In attendance. (District Cllrs) Cllr. J Cole (from item 3) and Cllr. Benneyworth, (but Cllr. Benneyworth did have intermittent internet connections)

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. Ramah and Cllr. Rowels (District Cllr) sent their apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

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

No public attended.

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 11 May 2020.

5. **FINANCE**

Trustees approved the statement as shown as Appendix 1. Trustees raised the question that the Stephens Scown Invoice for £2,700 was not shown on the finance sheet. The Clerk was reminded, and this was approved for payment in the meeting.

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

Cllr. Garrett gave the following report.

Since the May meeting (virtual) of the Trustees we (the Trustees) have concluded our discussions with Charities Commission and have resolved to go ahead with the Solar Farm Feasibility Study in partnership with Calleva Community Energy Ltd.

Acting on Charity Commission advice and in order to comply with rules governing the long-term lease of Charity owned land we:

1. sought and received a Market Appraisal of the rental value of the Poors Allotment from Fergus Hodge a Partner from surveyors Simmons and Sons of Basingstoke. This valuation will form the basis for our discussions with Calleva over the rental value of the land should the project proceed to completion.

2. Have engaged Stephens Scown, solicitors, to advise us on our dealings with Calleva and potentially with the Charity Commission should we have any further dealings. We with the assistance of Stephens Scown are currently working on the terms of a lease option agreement with Calleva.

We are pleased to note that Calleva's application to the Rural Communities Energy Fund (RCEF) for a grant to fund a study of the feasibility of siting a solar farm in the Poors Allotment in Enborne Parish has been successful. The funding to be administered by The Greater South East Energy Hub, is for up to £39,999 and will be used to finance:

- Site and technical feasibility modelling – this will give us the design proposals for the solar farm together with estimates of improved income for the charity and its aims.
- Grid connection applications – this will tell us how we can connect to the grid and what the cost will be.
- Planning surveys and pre-application studies – these will include guidance with respect to the visual aspects of the farm and how we might mitigate these with screening, reviewing the existing flooding issues and likely impact of the farm amongst others.

Regular updates on progress during the feasibility study will be available on the Enborne Parish Council website at www.enborne.org.uk.

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

Cllr. Garrett had nothing further to report. Cllr. Garrett has a current Register of Deeds which needs amending when the solicitor advises on the constitution.

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

Nothing further raised.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next Poor's Allotment Charity Meeting is on Monday 4 January 2021 at 7.30pm.

APPENDIX 1

POOR'S ALLOTMENT CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO DATE FOR 14TH SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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

Income

Grazing Licence Renewal £800.00

Total **£800.00**

Expenditure

Came and Company Insurance 2021 £218.00

Councillor Expenses £47.20

Simmons & Sons Legal Fee £300.00

Stephens and Scown LLP £2,700.00

Total **£3,265.20**

Closing Balance on 14 September 2020	£7,584.27
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