

**Enborne Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the open meeting of Enborne Parish Council  
as Corporate Trustee of The Poors Allotment Charity held at 6.30 p.m. on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in The Barn at St Michael and All Angels Church,  
Enborne**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Leeson (Chairman), Cllr A Croney (Vice-Chairman), Cllr A Hart, Jacqui Thaw (Clerk).

In attendance: No members of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Cllr M Darley

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

2.1 Cllrs Leeson, Croney, and Hart declared an interest in all items on the Agenda. The Parish Council is the sole trustee of Enborne Poors Allotment Charity.

2.2 There were no written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

2.3 Dispensations were granted for item 2.1.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE**

3.1 A copy of the minutes had been previously circulated. The Parish Council as Corporate Trustee **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as a true record. The Chairman signed all pages of the loose leaf minutes.

**4. MATTERS ARISING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

4.1 None

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

5.1 Update on the accounts of the Poors Allotment Charity.

The balance in the account stood at £7,821.05, which includes an interest payment of £18.78 and a payment of £1425.06 from the Rural Payments Agency, under the Basic Payment Scheme. In addition a cheque for £111.11 had been received from SSE for the wayleave on the Poors field, and this would be banked following the meeting.

5.2 Approval was given for a cheque payment for Poors' membership of the Country Landowners Association to be made to John Leeson, for the sum of £217.00. The new total in the account will stand at £7715.16 once all cheques have been accounted for.

**6. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIELD****6.1 Solar energy**

Cllr Leeson had continued to try to engage with SSE regarding the feasibility of feeding in electricity from solar panels on the Poors field; he is awaiting contact from the Major Connections department.

**ACTION: Cllr Leeson**

**6.2 Grazing licence and sale of grass**

The Campbells have undertaken some of the clearance work in the field, but have been hampered by the unexpectedly large scale of the problem and by the weather. Agreement has been received from the CLA for alteration to part of their standard license agreement. The licence agreement has not yet been signed as work on the field is not yet complete.

**ACTION: Cllr Leeson**

**7. Insurance**

7.1 Following the response from Came and Co. regarding separate insurance for the Poors, it was agreed to pursue a separate insurance policy for the Poors, in order to fully cover the Charity for public liability and trustee protection (including legal defence aspects) separately from the Parish Council. Agreement was given for the Clerk to get a firm quote and purchase insurance, based on the estimate given.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**8. Charitable aspects of the Poors Charity**

It was agreed that a Village Agent would be best-placed to administer charitable grants to residents. With no Village Agent currently in place, it was agreed to defer this at present. There was some discussion around future grants, should solar go ahead, and it was felt that 1-acre playground belonging to West Berkshire Council, and currently use by Enborne C of E Primary School, might be a future beneficiary.

**9. To report on updated record at Land Registry**

This is still outstanding.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**10. To receive future agenda items**

There were none.

**11. NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AS CORPORATE TRUSTEE**

11.1 The next meeting was confirmed as 6.30 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, immediately prior to the May meeting of Enborne Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

