



Enborne Parish Council

Deborah Golsworthy, Clerk to the Council
PO Box 6254, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 9NH
Tel: 0776 772 3372 Email: enbornepc@newbury.net

DRAFT MINUTES FOR POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MEETING - 21st May 2018, 7.05pm

PRESENT: Mr Alan Croney, Chairman

In attendance: Deborah Golsworthy (Clerk)

Enborne Councillors:

John Leeson, Mark Darley, Paul Hart, Alix Robinson

Approximately 2 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence from the meeting

1.1 None.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors - None

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests - None

2.3 To grant any dispensations as appropriate - None

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council as corporate trustee of the Poors Allotment Charity on 15th January 2018

Cllr Leeson noted that the date on the minutes should read 2018, not 2017. The minutes were agreed unanimously.

4. To receive any matters arising not included on the agenda

Cllr Leeson asked for an update on the Land Registry record. The Clerk advised that 2 complex and long forms need to be completed in order to request a change of address and that this cannot be done via email. The Clerk has noted to process this in due course.

5. Financial Report

5.1 To receive a report from the Clerk as an update on the accounts of the Poors Allotment Charity – The Clerk circulated updated figures.

5.2 To review year end balance and confirm – Circulated and confirmed.

5.3 To authorise cheque for payment for new grazier Jason Hawkey for £100 – cheque and invoice signed and authorised.

5.4 To authorise cheque for payment of Insurance to Came & Company for £218.00 – cheque and invoice signed and authorised.

5.5 Agree change of signatory on NBS account – Confirmed and to be implemented.

5.6 Decision to be made regarding the dormant Lloyds account – Cllr Hart advised that it was best to leave this open.

At 7.30pm 2 more residents joined the meeting.

- 6. To receive an update on the management and maintenance of the Poors Allotment Charity field** – Cllr Leeson advised that a new agreement was now in place for sheep grazing and that no ragwort had been found.
 - 6.1 Solar energy – Cllr Leeson provided a detailed update on the current situation and the research he had undertaken. That the aim is to generate enough electricity for the whole of Enborne on 5 acres of the Poors Allotment land. It was noted that there were many problems trying to contact SSE and that 3 estimates for various connections and capacities had been obtained ranging from £31,000 to £930,000. Cllr Leeson advised that the next stage is to obtain advise regarding planning for which there should be no charge, and that approval should not be an issue. Cllr Croney confirmed that a standard proposal should be drawn up for bids and put forward to all interested parties
 - 6.2 Cllr Leeson confirmed that the Licensing agreement was now formally in place with new grazier Jason Hawkey @ £800pa less one off costs for fencing £600 + scrub clearance £300 = balance due, as noted above in point 5.3 of £100.
 - 6.3 Constitution – Cllr Darley – No report
 - 6.4 Basic Payment Scheme via Rural Payments Agency has been applied for by the Clerk. Clerk is still awaiting a response from RPA and will follow up.
 - 6.5 Cllr Leeson - To introduce for consideration the ideas of making a wildflower meadow and/or a community orchard on a part of the field – perhaps best on the small area damaged by horse grazing. Cllr Leeson advised the breakdown in anticipated land usage – 5 acres Solar Farm, 2 acres Wildflower meadow or an Orchard, looking for local support, remaining area for grazing. Cllr Leeson to report back for next meeting.
 - 6.6 Insurance - renewed from 03/04/2018 to 02/04/2019 via Came & Company – cheque issued and invoice signed.
- 7 To receive future agenda items**

None
- 8 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as corporate trustee of the Poors Allotment Charity confirmed as Monday 24th September 2018.**

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.