



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES FOR POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MEETING 24th September 2018, 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mr John Leeson, Chair

In attendance: Deborah Golsworthy (Clerk)

Enborne Councillors:

Alan Croney, Paul Hart, Alix Robinson, Chris Garrett
1 member of the public

1. **To receive apologies for absence from the meeting**
Cllr Darley was unable to attend due to work travel commitments.
2. **Declaration of interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 None received.
3. **To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council as corporate trustee of the Poors Allotment Charity on 21st May 2018.**
Approved and signed.
4. **To receive any matters arising not included on the agenda**
The Chair noted that approval for fencing materials had been agreed via email in October 2017 but was missed on the minutes of 15th January 2018. This is now duly noted in the meeting and minutes from today, 24th September 2018.
5. **Financial Report**
 - 5.1 Report received from the Clerk with an update on the accounts of the Poors Allotment Charity.
 - 5.2 Very little expenditure at present. To be reviewed for relevant causes.
 - 5.3 The obligations to residents was noted from the Constitution of the Charity adopted on the 20th February 2012. Extract from point 3, Objects.

The Chair noted we had changed the objects of the charity by resolution dated 21st March 2016 (minute 6.1) to read:

“To promote any charitable purpose (charitable in English Law) for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Enborne in West Berkshire: in particular but not exclusively by the provision of grants to local charities which provide advice and services calculated to relieve the charitable needs of those residents.”

This can be seen on the Charity Commission web site for charity number 202451.

6. An update on the management and maintenance of the Poors Allotment Charity field was received.

The Chair advised that it was hedge cutting season and that the Grazier has trimmed the hedge and verges. The Grazier has also requested a 2 year licence and he will fence the rest of the field in lieu of paying the licence fee for that period, materials extra. CLA has advised against more than a year licence. The Chair is to go back to the Grazier and advise a 1 year license accordingly and suggest a rent rise to cover the increase in the value of the land from the fencing already installed. Electric fencing to be suggested instead of fencing for the remainder of the field.

Each trustee to send suggestions to the Clerk to share before the next meeting, in relation to the options below:

- 6.1 Solar energy on up to 5 acres of the field, with related proposals for bids from interested parties.
- 6.2 Social housing opportunities and potential ways forward.
- 6.3 Wild flower meadow and/or a community orchard on a 2 acre part of the field, linked to education and the local school. Remaining area for grazing.

7 There were no future agenda items submitted.

8 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as corporate trustee of the Poors Allotment Charity was confirmed as Monday 28th January 2019.

All documents are available in large print if required. Please ask the Clerk in advance of the meeting.