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POORS ALLOTMENT CHARITY MEETING Minutes from 28 January 2019

Present: Cllr Leeson (Chair), Cllr Croney, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Garrett, Cllr Hart, Clerk K Lloyd and 1 member of the public.

- 1. **To receive apologies for absence from the meeting** Cllr Darley, District Councillors Stanfield and Cole. (Cllr Hart joined the meeting at 7.20pm)
- 2. **Declaration of interest and dispensations None**
- 3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Poors Allotment Charity Meeting.** Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Poors Allotment Charity Meeting held on 24 September 2018 as a correct record.
- 4. **To receive any matters arising not included on the agenda** none.

5. **Financial Report**

5.1 To receive a report from the Clerk as an update on the accounts of the Poors Allotment Charity

Income	
Rural Payment Agency	1,429.61
SSE Wayleave payment	111.11

Bank Account

Dank Account		
Newbury Building Society	£7,179.16	

5.2 **To review spending for relevant causes. (Insurance renewal 3 April 2018)** The Clerk had not received a cost for the insurance which was due 3 April. The Clerk will email trustees once received from Came and Co. The Clerk was asked to confirm with the insurance broker on the public liability of the land.

The Clerk reported on the matter of the cheque which was withdrawn from the Newbury Building Society (NBS) account on 30.05.18 payable to Came and Co for £218.00. This cheque was reported as not presented for payment by NBS. However Came & Co confirmed to the Clerk it was paid and was deposited at their bank. The Clerk had confirmed this to NBS and has not heard anything further.

5.3 **To look at the obligations as a charity for residents**. No comments made.

6 Solar energy progress to be reviewed with related proposals for bids from interested parties.

Cllr Leeson to seek to visit community solar energy sites to gain advice and examples on how to progress further. Cllr Garrett said he would like to accompany Cllr Leeson to sites. Cllr Leeson said Basingstoke Energy Services Co-Operative should be worth contacting. Cllr Leeson also to investigate how the project could be financed.

7 Social housing opportunities to be discussed.

Trustees discussed that there may be a demand for affordable housing in the Parish but where would the houses go? A consultation would need to be carried out within the Parish in the first instance if the Trustees decide to pursue this item.

8 **Wildflower meadow and/or a community orchard** – nothing further to report.

9 To receive future agenda items

Cllr Garrett raised the question on a discussion on what to spend the charity funds on? The objects of the constitution read to award grants to local charities which provide advice and services to enborne residents. The local school and library were discussed. The trustees agreed to add an 'Awards for Funds' criteria to the enborne website. The awards proposed were £1,000 to £2,000 but it was agreed an income and expenditure review of the charity accounts would need to be done before allocating an amount. The Constitution also needed to be reviewed.

10 Date of the next Poors Allotment Charity Meeting is Monday 13th May 2019.

Close 7.30pm