

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green Trustees meeting and AGM 1st Oct 2021

Present; Trevor Birkby, Jerry Darby, Edit Davies, Trevor Carlin, Helen Gore.

Apologies for absence; Will Durgan, Jo Naylor

Minutes of previous meeting on 23 July 2021 approved.

Matters arising

Invoice to School for use of the green not yet done.

TC still to write to Mayor regarding any help from Watton Council with funding.

TC to have his personal ride on mower serviced and evaluated for potential acquisition by the Green.

Chairman's report

Probation service proving difficult to contact, phone and e Mail appears to have changed, TC to pursue hopefully to get the community payback work parties back. TC has been in contact with Ian Read of Dawe estates to ask for help with reinstating the wild flower areas between the wood and the maize. Ian Read will be in touch in a couple of weeks when farm work slackens off.

It's been difficult to get commitment from exhibitors for next years fete with uncertainties around Covid restrictions. It was agreed a steering group involving members of all the village organisations should be leading the organisation of the fete.

Secretary's report

Paul Colley has been removed from list of trustees held with the Charity Commission

The Greens Facebook page appears to be getting a significant number of views, suggested that more regular posts would be beneficial. HG as administrator to coordinate this and any content from trustees to be directed to HG

Treasurer's report

Bank balance as of 8/9/2021 £1844.61. The grant for the Green's insurance of £1500 from the Parish council has been approved and will be paid in October. JD to send a letter of thanks on receipt, ED/TB to inform JD when funds arrive.

Maintenance report

JD to write to Easton and Otley college to ask if students would like to use the facilities of the Green for practical course work which could help with maintenance tasks.

PC has received donations of hand tools following his appeal on the Nextdoor website and more are coming.

PC now has a generator available for use where power required.

The playground gate has been repaired, the gate to the pond needs a new lock and hinges.

The new picnic bench is to have further coats of paint HG to action before installation.

Matt Brett had kindly offered to supply and deliver replacement timber to repair the picnic benches.

TC to consult with the Parish Council regarding the replacement Bob Buscall memorial tree and report back.

Fund raising report

Breckland lottery now has 20 supporters buying 33 tickets per week. We are meeting 66% of our target to be able to apply for additional grant money. We are currently on track to receive £858 per annum and have received £1346 since we enrolled at the end of 2019

We have 3 current grant applications;

National lottery for £5k for a new mower, this was not successful

Breckland Council £5k for new mower, still under consideration after they asked for additional info.

Tesco bags of help £2k for pond restoration, the application met their qualification criteria and is still under consideration. The two previous grants for the playground and the Community garden have now been signed off as completed, this was holding up our current application.

The Facebook page to be used to advertise or Breckland lottery appeal. JD to provide HG with necessary promotional material.

Playground and Exercise equipment report

The risk status of the equipment is low with some minor work required for which TB has logged in a report and has in hand. The next annual assessment is due in November.

TC to report back from the Parish council as to what progress is being made regarding the provision of the new adult outdoor exercise equipment as this may impact on future maintenance of existing trim tail equipment.

Carbrooke school

It was agreed that the trustees should be in closer dialogue with the school regarding the use of the green to our mutual benefit JD and HG to make contact with the Headteacher.

Date of next meeting Friday 7th January 2022 7.30pm Village Hall