

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green Trustees meeting 7th January 2022

Present Tony Coppen, Trevor Birkby, Edit Davies, Jerry Darby, Trevor Carlin, John DuHadway, Jo Naylor, Helen Gore, Will Durgan. Paul Colley (during maintenance report)

Minutes of last meeting on 1st October 2021 approved

Matters arising

TC still to contact Watton Mayor regarding funding

TC ride on mower purchase TBC

Robert Buscall tree replacement still awaiting instructions from Parish Council

Chairman's report

Community payback help unlikely for the foreseeable future due to ongoing issues around transportation of personnel and Covid

Dawes Estates help in re establishing wild flower areas still available dependant on ground conditions. TC to coordinate

A grant application to the parish council for £750 for hedge/ditch maintenance along the boundary with Meadow Lane was unsuccessful.

Secretary's report

Contact made with Easton and Otley college regarding offering the green as a training facility for students which would be mutually beneficial in helping with maintenance of the green. All heads of department have been informed but all off site activities are currently satisfied but they will keep our details for future reference. JD to contact again later in the year.

JD with HG visited the primary school on 22nd October and held a constructive meeting with the Head Hannah Wheeler opening a line of communication between our organisations and discussed the requirements of the school using the green. The school agreed to make an annual donation of £500 towards the green's funds

A thank you letter has been sent to the Parish Council regarding the grant award towards our insurance costs.

Treasurer's report

The bank balance stands at £3326.19 with no major outgoings currently outstanding

ED having issues with Barclays online banking unable to make transfers and the bank being intransigent to problems. JN will explore possibility of transferring to the Co-Op bank

ED to invoice the school for £500 ASAP.

Maintenance report

Wood for picnic bench repairs coming from Mr Brett tomorrow

A few useful items have been received following the online appeal for tools on Nextdoor

The new bench to be painted when weather improves

The paths are becoming very muddy in places. TC to call Alex Talbot regarding wood chip. Suggested tipping the chippings inside the gate if field is to wet to travel on. JN to handover gate key to JD

Spindly trees in wood some of which are dead to be removed

Apple trees in orchard may need pruning

Fundraising report

Lottery giving steady income but support has stagnated, currently generating £858 pa. Advertising on the green and via social media created little interest, word of mouth definitely the best way to encourage more support.

Breckland Council green grant application for a new mower unsuccessful

Tesco bags of help for the restoration of the pond was successful and is now live at Watton Tesco. Need to encourage everyone to place their tokens in support of our project.

JN to explore the possibility of a Bacon roll/cup of tea fundraiser morning one Sunday in April to appeal to dog walkers and visitors. It would also give an opportunity explain the work done on the green to attract potential volunteers and donors.

Playground report

TB reported back on the recent safety inspection

Headlines; Good condition and well maintained, Low to Medium risk.

Full report will be e mailed to trustees.

Date of next meeting Friday 8th April 7.30pm in the Village Hall.