

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green trustees meeting and AGM 7th October 2022

Present Trevor Birkby, Edit Davies, Jerry Darby, Trevor Carlin, Jo Naylor, Nathan DeFew, Clair Talbot, John DuHadway.

Apologies for absence Helen Gore, Will Durgan

Minutes of last meeting on 7th July 2022 approved.

Matters arising

ND reported that Anglia Water will finally disconnect the green's supply and ND has asked for the charges to be reimbursed for the last 3yrs.

ND reported that Barclays Bank have continued to be unhelpful in implementing the amendments required by the change of trustees and he will explore switching the bank account to CoOp or Lloyds. This was unanimously approved.

Appointment of Trustees for 22/23.

All sitting trustees agreed to stand for a further term.

Appointment of officers for 22/23

Jerry Darby nominated seconded and approved to continue as secretary.

Nathan DeFew nominated seconded and approved to continue as treasurer.

Chair position was agreed to be rotational. Trevor Birkby took the chair for the meeting.

Anti Discrimination policy was reviewed and approved.

Health and Safety policy was to be reviewed and brought to the next meeting for approval.

Auditors for 22/23 were nominated and approved as Edit Davies, Jerry Darby, John DuHadway

Secretary's report

Jerry Darby attended a recent Norfolk wildlife trust workshop regarding managing and maintaining community ponds. This was most informative and instructive for our ongoing pond maintenance. There are additional workshops in maintaining woodland and construction and maintenance of wildflower meadows which would be worth attending in the future.

Community payback resource is hopefully still forthcoming JD maintaining contact with the Home Office.

Treasurer's report

ND presented a spreadsheet which clearly itemises income and expenditure. The balance of the account stands at £7,474 (£3000 of which is ring-fenced for projects)

Maintenance report

Hopefully only one more grass cut will be required this year.

Wood chip when delivered by Alex Talbot needs to be spread on vulnerable paths and the play area.

Suggested and agreed that a wood chipper be hired to process wood cuttings rather than burning and the chippings then used around the site.

Fund raising

The Village Xmas Bazaar will be held on 26th November 2022 and the green will have a stall to promote the facility and encourage support and donations.

Jo Naylor to source a banner for the green with "Carbrooke Millennium Green" as the text and include our logo which can be displayed at the bazaar and future events.

Tesco Bags of help pond restoration project now signed off and they have paid the final 1/3 grant balance.

Parish council grant for the insurance of the green and trustees liability £1741.13 gratefully received and JD has conveyed the thanks of the trustees to the PC.

Breckland Inspiring Communities award for restoration of the wild flower meadows and the maze was successful and we have been awarded £1500 which is match-funded by the same of our own money. Work will be done by Dawe estates. The meadow area between the wood and the trim trail and the one behind the orchard are to be renewed. It was agreed that Dawe estates will spray off the overgrown vegetation then cultivate and drill the wild flower mixture into the clean seedbed. This will be carried out early next year. The estate will also cut the maze with their hedge trimmer and cut the hedge behind the cottages in the new year after leaving the berries for the birds. Breckland community fund have been in touch today and wish to use this project as a case study so this may give opportunities for exposure of the green and further potential funding. The Breckland lottery receipts have slipped back from £962pa to £858pa. We need to continue promotion of the lottery as it give the green a steady monthly income stream.

The meeting then welcomed Rob Poole from the village hall committee who is keen to hold events involving use of the green. He proposed next year to have a beer festival and music event and bring back the village fete in 2024. The trustees welcomed the suggestion and were keen to facilitate the events which would also provide the green with a share of the proceeds.

Parish council grants

Nathan DeFew informed the meeting that at the next PC meeting the council will be looking for requests for future grant monies from the organisations within the parish. It was agreed to request continuation of the support for our insurance which could be £2000 next year and in addition request funds for a new ride on mower.

3year plan

It was proposed and approved that John DuHadway, Trevor Birkby, Nathan DeFew, Jerry Darby and co-opting Paul Colley to meet and discuss plans for maintenance work for the next 3years. The plans to be brought to the next trustees meeting for presentation and approval.

Memorial trees

Bob Buscall replacement memorial tree to be provided by the PC along with a tree to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth

Nathan DeFew has secured a collection of trees (Urban pack) from the Queens canopy initiative.

Playground report

Trevor Birkby reported only a few issues; need to replace trim trail swing logs, slats in picnic benches, Algal deposits on various equipment. The swing shortening work has been completed.

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No issues raised

Date of next meeting

Friday 13th January 2023 7.30pm in the Village Hall.