

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green Trustees meeting 8th April 2022

Present: Trevor Birkby, Edit Davies, Jerry Darby, Trevor Carlin, John DuHadway, Will Durgan.

Apologies for absence Jo Naylor, Helen Gore

Minutes of last meeting on 7th January 2022 approved

Matters arising

Trustees to keep in touch with Tony Coppen regarding potential purchase of his ride on mower

Community payback to be contacted to see if we can reinstate work parties JD to action

Watton town council to be contacted regarding potential grant support JD to contact

Chairman's report

Tony Coppen has resigned as Chairman and as a Trustee. The meeting decided to leave the decision of the vacancy of the Chair to the October AGM and the meeting continued with the vice chair TB leading the meeting.

Secretary's report

Trustee list and contact details updated with the Charity Commission, TC removed and JD now listed as the postal address contact for the green.

JD updated the meeting about the amicable boundary discussions with Aspire developments who were looking at building on the old Carbrooke garage plot which borders land owned by the green. The developers have withdrawn and the site is back on the market. The meeting highlighted the position of the water main which traverses the green behind the old cottages on Church st and the east boundary line with the development site.

JD is attending Parish Council AGM on 12th April to make a presentation on behalf of the trustees of our recent activities.

Treasure's report

Bank balance currently stands at £3990.89

Still issues unresolved with Barclays Bank regarding online access and functionality

A proposal by Trevor Birkby and Seconded by Edit Davis that, "Tony Coppen be removed as a bank account signatory and replaced by Jerry Darby" was carried unanimously.

Maintenance report

Bonfire successfully completed

Orchard mowing, Play area mowing, Bench cleaning to be carried out at next work group on Good Friday also holes which dogs have dug in pathways to be filled. More Wood chip is required TB to contact Alex/Claire Talbot, the Green is firm enough to drive on.

Hedge behind cottages needs trimming, agreed too late now due to nesting birds. Agreed to ask Dawe estates for help in the autumn.

New picnic bench still to be painted and positioned

Fundraising report

Breckland lottery has delivered £819 in last financial year.

Results of the Tesco bags of help grant for restoration of the pond will be announced end of April.

Proposed Coffee/Bacon roll morning to attract dog walkers/bikers/cyclists etc was discussed. Agreed needs to be self contained in the green to maximise income.

Discussed the need for a food hygiene certificate NCC have an all day training meeting monthly at £65. ED suggested a cheaper online course. Options to be explored.

Co-op bank account for charities looks promising TB to investigate further.

Anglia water; meeting decided to disconnect supply, ED to action.

Parish council grant application deadline 30th April. JD apply for support for our insurance.

Queen's Jubilee Picnic on the green 4th June. Simple community picnic, bar and hall facilities open. Agreed donation buckets placed on the green might generate some funds.

Playground

Bench by pond and trim trail moss and algae need removing

More chippings required around play area

Height of swings need raising

Grass seed needs spreading

Wood now available to replace rotten slats on picnic benches

AOB

Audit of last financial years accounts, decided to be examined by 3 trustees TB, JDuH and JD when accounts ready. ED to arrange meeting

N Power way-leave, JD to explore if any potential payments due as this has been mentioned in previous minutes

Date of next meeting

Friday 8th July