

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green Trustees meeting 7th July 2022

Present: Trevor Birkby, Edit Davies, Jerry Darby, Trevor Carlin, Jo Naylor, Helen Gore, Nathan DeFew, Clare Talbot, Helen Crane(BDC), Graham Redfern(CPC)

Apologies for absence John DuHadway, Will Durgan

Minutes of last meeting on 8th April 2022 approved

Matters arising

TC Ride on mower no longer available to purchase

Watton Town Council Grant application deadline has passed JD to revisit next financial year

Transfer of banking to Co-op bank parked for now until Barclays issues resolved

Audit of accounts for 21/22 now complete

Disconnection of water supply still to be done and will be pursued by ND

Chair vacancy will be discussed at the AGM, TB agreed to chair the current meeting.

New trustees

ND and CT nominated seconded, voted unanimously and welcomed as trustees

Secretary's report

Contact details held with Uttings insurance now changed from TC to JD

Carbrooke Garage developers need to access to the green for water connections, JD will liaise with them.

Carbrooke primary school had been in contact regarding use of the green for their sports day and line marking. This was successfully held on 6th July.

The regional Owl monitor Chris Batey visited on 25th June to inspect the owl boxes on the green, the box near the pond was occupied with a thriving Barn owl chick which was inspected weighed and ringed. The other contained Stock Dove chicks.

Equal opportunities policy has been written and will be reviewed at the AGM
JD attended data protection course so with ED we have two trustees with data protection accreditation

Contact has been made via the Home office to access help from Community Payback scheme which ceased during the pandemic. JD has had contact from the local officer and we are under consideration once they recommence the projects in the autumn.

Treasurers report

Bank Balance stands at £4272.53, major incoming monies from Groundworks (Tesco's pond project) Lottery, individual donations.

ND was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted to become the new treasurer.

The meeting thanked ED for her years of work as treasurer and welcomed ND as a new trustee and treasurer.

ND will pick up the issues with Barclays Bank to amend the signatories status

Maintenance report

With the significant lack of rain mowing has been minimal and little action will be required unless there is appreciable rainfall. Paths will require some attention including the playground and amphitheater.

A Pond maintenance day was agreed 10th August and we will all encourage help from members of the community.

Alan from Winters Barn has kindly helped with the new trim trail logs and the Trustees send their thanks.

New gates may be required for the playground TB to explore

The swing seat height needs to be raised, this can be done on the next maintenance day.

HG will source some "do not climb notices" for the containers.

Fundraising report

Breckland lottery currently stands on target for an income of £962 pa with 23 Supporters.

We are at 74% of our target support to be able to apply for project grant money. Need to continue to encourage more players as a way of providing support the green. ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk

Tesco bags of help, 2/3 of the £1500 grant award has been received via the administrative arm Groundworks the balance will follow on completion of the project. We need to document what we do and involve as many people as we can on the maintenance project (10 August and any subsequent days) £1000 was awarded for equipment and £500 for advice. The advice has been difficult as no response from agencies so far.

Breckland inspiring communities grant.

An application for £3000 match funding is logged and approved for consideration with Breckland council and we await the decision. Thanks was given to a Helen Crane for her endorsement and supporting letter which will help the process. The grant is to provide funding for re establishment of the wild flower areas and trimming of the maze, work to be carried out by Dawe Estates.

Parish council grant for the greens insurance has been logged with the PC in April and now we have the audit for 21/22 hopefully can be processed, JD to action

Graham Redfern is our Parish Council liaison for the green and the Trustees are grateful for his support.

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A Christmas Bazaar is planned on 26th November and the Trustees will have a stall to promote the green and encourage donations.

Date of next meeting and AGM 7th October 2022