

## HICKLING PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND CHARITY MEETING

**Date:** 21<sup>th</sup> August 2017    **Venue:** Stubbs Holly    **Time:** 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Maggie Prettyman, Richard Booton, Viv Tallowin, Louise Chicken, Chris Watkins, Nick Baker, Harry Purnell

**APOLOGIES:** Shirley Sainsbury, Robin Slatter, Harvey Gibbons, Richard Cook, Lorraine West

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 24<sup>TH</sup> July 2017 minutes approved with amendment making it clear that a review of trustees' allocated tasks will be reviewed after the AGM

**MATTERS ARISING & EVENTS TEAM MINUTES:** MP said that there were no event team minutes because the last meeting had only involved a report on the village show. She said the money raised had been boosted by unclaimed prizes which would go into the firework event fund. The discussion centred on what lessons had been learned and she said feedback indicated the earlier timing of the show had been better for growers of flowers and vegetables. The music lounge had also been a success and the two events had raised more than £1400.

**FINANCE MATTERS:** LC reported that recent income included c.£1500 from the Phoenix Trust and c£500 from the football club. The reserve fund and the improvement fund are both now c£18,500. RB said the draft accounts now showed funding was closer to what it should have been without the dispute. It was agreed that the draft accounts should be put on the website ahead of the AGM

**TRUSTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS PLANNING:** RB summarised the fundraising group report which suggested the AGM would be a good opportunity to solicit donations from members. It was agreed there would be a leaflet drop and email alert to publicise the AGM. There was also the possibility of seeking a new 'Big Society' grant later in the year once we had agreed on a new project. NB said an application for funds for a new meeting room may be looked on favourably.

RB said the fundraising group has suggested contacting new homeowners in the village to tell them about the Barn. It was also agreed that the charity will carry out a survey of everyone in the village, similar to the one done five years ago, to find what people felt about the Barn and what they wanted to see happening there and agreed a sum of £750 for expenses.

RB said a rise of 3% in Barn charges would be proposed at the AGM. This would come into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and reflect RPI inflation over the past year.

**TRUSTEE ALLOCATED TASKS:** This was deferred until after the AGM

**OUTSIDE LIGHTING ETC. UPDATE:** NB said the final work would be done in w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES:** MP reported that Mick Dunsden had agreed to take over the safety checker role when he returns from holiday.

CW referred to the report he circulated about the proposal from Prevolution to re-vamp the website. It was agreed that the charity would accept the company's revised quotation and pay a deposit to enable work to start.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** MP said she had heard from the Charity Commission that there had been no question in relation to the charity in the past year. She also said she had been in contact with the newly appointed vicar of Hickling with a view to the church taking up a nominated position on the charity board.

**AGM:** Further discussion deferred to the special meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September

**AOB:** VT said it had been reported to her that the Bridge Club were having difficulty in closing the main Barn doors. HP said he would ask BB to take a look at them.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

**2017 DATES:** 4 Sept, 18 Sept (AGM) 16 Oct, 20 Nov, 18 Dec

*A G Parul*

*13/11/17*