

HICKLING PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND CHARITY RCN 270199

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

30th September 2015, 7.30pm at Hickling Barn

TRUSTEES: Chairman Richard Cook, Nick Baker, Harry Purnell, Harvey Gibbons, Chris Watkins, Lorraine West, Shirley Sainsbury, Vivien Tallwin, Maggie Prettyman

Invited guests: Jeremy Veitch, the charity's accountant from Phoenix Business Services

Independent Invigilator for vote counting: Terry Cotton

Apologies: Trustees: Brian Butcher, Pam Barnard; Members: Celia Cooper, Nina & Geoff du Feu, Yvonne Pugh, Neil & Rachel Lawes, Glen Wilson, Adam Mayhew.

Members present: 44 signed in, including Trustees.

1. Welcome and Introduction

HPFRG trustees chairman Richard Cook opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. The rules for attending the meeting were summarised by the chairman. He asked if anyone believed that any of those present was not a member of the charity. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 2014 AGM were presented and approved.

2. To receive the accounts for the financial Year 2014/2015

Trustees' vice chairman Harry Purnell gave an overview of the accountant's report and the key issues from the last financial year. Questions on the accounts were invited for the Charity's accountant, Jeremy Veitch, to answer. One letter from a parishioner with various financial queries was answered by JV & HP. It was then proposed on the basis of the report from Phoenix Business Services that the charity's accounts for the 2014/2015 financial year be received, to be sent to the Charity Commission. With a show of hands the motion was carried unanimously.

A motion calling for the removal of Phoenix Business Services as the charity's accountant, which was requested in the same parishioner's letter, was put to the floor. It was not seconded and it was agreed by all present that we retain the services of Phoenix Business Services. The chairman, on behalf of all the trustees, thanked Jeremy Veitch for his time. The chairman also expressed the trustees' appreciation of the modest charge Mr Veitch made for his services.

These are draft accounts until the Charity Commission approves them but they will be available on the Barn website.

It was noted that although the legal dispute was resolved in May 2015 the charity is still in debt for approximately £47,000.

3. Report on the activities of the charity for 2014/15

Trustee Maggie Prettyman gave a comprehensive report on all activities and events that took place during 2014/15, many of which are ongoing at the Barn, this report is included with the accounts that are passed to the Charity Commission for approval.

The trustees, management team and all the volunteers have worked extremely hard over the past year to ensure the Barn continues to be successful.

The chairman stated that all policies have been reviewed and where necessary updated.

4. Election of trustees

Stakeholder group nominations were:

Brian Butcher	–	Phoenix Trust
Richard Cook	–	Football Club
Harry Purnell	–	Hickling Hunnies
Maggie Prettyman	–	Hickling Parish Council
Chris Watkins	–	Snooker Club
Lorraine West	–	Hickling School

The following stood for open election:

Nick Baker
Richard Booton
Harvey Gibbons

With a show of hands all the above were accepted onto the board of trustees. All other trustees resigned: Viv Tallowin, Shirley Sainsbury and Pam Barnard. The second Hickling Parish Council trustee place will now be filled as stated in our constitution.

Richard Cook invited everyone to stay for refreshments and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed Richard Cook.....

Dated