

HOLME BANK LAND TRUST

Minutes of a Meeting of Trustees at 5.00pm Friday, 28 April 2017

Trustees in attendance:

**Jill Hooper
Diana Malone
Paul McIntyre
Patricia Richards
Parvis Taylor**

1) Welcome, apologies and conflicts of interest

All Trustees attended. There were no conflicts of interest.

2) Minutes and matters arising from the meeting of Trustees, held on 19 July 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were deemed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman. Despite several attempts and best efforts by Jill Hooper to find someone / a company who might grit Holme in bad weather, this has proved difficult. Patricia Richards has secured Tarmac's agreement to provide gravel (free of charge) for a new "pull in" along Holme Lane, but residents were no longer voicing concerns. There were no other matters arising not covered by the agenda.

3) The Orchard

It was agreed to organise a summer BBQ / party, possibly with a hog roast and food provided commercially. Jill Hooper agreed to take this forward. Diana Malone will speak to Judy Bradwell regarding the shards of glass which have fallen on to the orchard from Judy's outbuilding.

4) Charity Commission

The Charity Commission has criticised those charities who do not include either a Trustees' report or their reserves policy in their Annual Reports and Accounts. Trustees agreed that we should comply this year.

5) Land management

Land rental income, due in April 2017, has already been paid for the 7 acre field and was expected for Star Fen. Parvis Taylor agreed to ask Pygott & Crone for their opinion (without charge) on current land values.

6) Financial Management

Trustees approved the end year 2016 – 2017 Accounts and thanked Parvis Taylor for his prompt preparation of the accounts. Trustees reviewed the Trust's reserves policy which was currently set at £40k and agreed that no reserve was actually necessary. In the unlikely event that the Trust had to be wound up, it was considered that any debts at that time and wind up costs would be minimal and would be adequately covered by the Trust's cash balance and assets. Patricia Richards agreed to ask Duncan Richardson if he would kindly audit the end year accounts again.

7) Broadband

Paul McIntyre advised that BT were expecting to complete the installation of Fibre To The Premises superfast broadband in Holme by end June / early July 2017. Trustees thanked Paul for all his efforts, over several years, to help achieve this.

8) Blacksmith's shop

Nothing to report.

9) Defibrillator

Jill Hooper continues to diligently check the defibrillator weekly to ensure that is in good working order. No problems to report.

10) AOB

There was no other business

Date of next meeting: to be agreed.