

HBLT Meeting Minutes

Monday 13th July 2020

In the Orchard

Attendees

Jill Hooper

Yvonne Skaith

Rob Chapman

Lesley Blundy

1. Adrian Smith provided his apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting 9th March 2020 were reviewed and accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Matters arising- None

3. HBLT Responsibilities - updates

Defibrillator and flowers – Jill advised that the pads will need replacing in December. Jill to liaise with Adrian to order in November as per the previous order. All agreed that the flowers look beautiful despite not being able to easily source flowers due to the pandemic. Jill reported that the job of looking after them was made easier by the new rainwater butt.

Blacksmith shop – Sean has completed the guttering into the drain/soakaway and water butt, and the channel drain in front of the door and has done a wonderful job. Lesley advised that due to the distancing rules in place we had intended for just one household to load items onto pallets to be stored in a secure grain shed whilst the floor was completed. Yvonne advised that Sean is very busy so due to the close timeframe for harvest we should delay this part of the renovations. All agreed.

We then briefly discussed that once the floor has been completed we would give the shop a clean and whitewash the walls prior to putting items back in. All to try and find any old photos of historical life in the village to display.

Lesley asked trustees to consider if we felt it should still be possible to loan items out to villagers during the pandemic. All unanimously agreed that we should not be doing this as it encourages wider socialising than is allowed. Lesley to draft notice to go on the notice board and website.

Orchard – Yvonne advised that her and David would attempt to cut the hedges. Rob queried the status of the replacement fruit trees. Lesley advised that when we looked in the spring that stock was difficult to obtain so would look to rearrange this in the autumn. The grass has been mowed monthly by David Blundy after agreement from Linda Dales from NSDC. Tom Blundy will be asked to take this over now lockdown restrictions have been lifted.

Financial – Adrian reported that interest rates at the Skipton was down to 0.05% but in these difficult times it was only to be expected. He has also completed the annual returns and has sent them for audit. Copies were circulated. He will update the charities commission in due course. Lesley Advised that Zurich has given charities an extension on their insurance renewals.

Land – Lesley circulated photos of the land at Star Fen prior to the meeting and very little has changed – there remains a muck heap on site.

Charities Commission – nothing to report

Website – Lesley to forward copies of the final minutes from the last few meetings in pdf format for Adrian to put on the website.

4. AOB - none

5. Date of Next Meeting to arranged later in the year as permitted.