

HBLT Meeting Minutes

Monday 9th March 2020

Attendees

Jill Hooper
Yvonne Skaith
Rob Chapman
Adrian Smith
Lesley Blundy

1. All trustees were in attendance
2. Minutes of the last meeting 27 Jan 2020 were reviewed and accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Matters arising- It was agreed that the HBLT would not hold any social events during the next 6 months, but a Christmas event would be discussed later on in the year. P Taylors Conservation audit to be held on 11 March was discussed and it was agreed that actions that affect the Blacksmith shop and Orchard, its upkeep and how utilised, will need to be reviewed and approved by the HBLT. Lesley will circulate an update following the audit.

3. HBLT Responsibilities - updates

Defibrillator and flowers – All agreed that the spring flowers look beautiful and all agreed not to install the tyre tub at the phone box on the grass verge.

Blacksmith shop – Sean has provided a quote for the 3 jobs identified for a total of £2005.

Lesley suggested that we complete a commercial exemption enquiry form to establish that planning is not required. A decision on whether to proceed with this will take place following Wednesdays conservation audit. All trustees agreed following the audit.

Yvonne reported that the paint previously used on the doors will need to be sanded off before the correct paint is applied, and provided the 'thankyou' plaque which we will site on the door once repainted.

Orchard – Lesley reported that she is asking for a quote for finishing the top of the hedge and will report back via email.

Financial – Adrian reported that interest rates were dropping, and also advised that the focal point had asked for an increase in our donation from £55 to £60 without consultation. He is also getting ready to prepare the annual returns after the end of the month and has a replacement auditor in mind.

Land – Lesley reported that she would be visiting the Star Fen field at the weekend and will forward photos should there be any change.

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

4. AOB

Apple Press – to be put on the back burner for now.

5. Date of Next Meeting to be discussed following the conservation audit.