

Minutes of the meeting of Winsford Trust

Held Monday 27 June 2022

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) – Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Bryany Neal (BN), Mel Mileham (MM), Ian Brooks (IB), Mike Hillier (MH), Sarah Little (SL) and Parish Clerk Jennifer Yates (JY)

CW opened the meeting at 21.45 pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** - none
- 2. Minutes of the last Meeting and Outstanding Actions** – The minutes were approved – Proposed KC, Seconded MM. JY has not been able to locate the current constitution and will then liaise with KC re moving forward. MM is following up with Charlotte Wray re putting ENPA items on the notice board.
- 3. Financial Report** – JY is in communication with Aegon re trustees. Lyn Financial has been taken over by AFH with a new named financial adviser. JY was asked to invite him to attend a meeting to give further advice and review named trustees. JY will look further into the CAF and Aegon accounts to be able to give a full report on the balances. It was explained that the original fund was from proceeds of the sale of the old village hall.
- 4. Maintenance of the Village Green** – MH declared an interest. It was agreed that all were happy with the current arrangements. Volunteers do a good job in supporting with the tidying and removal of ‘waste’.
- 5. Removal of Wooden Swings** – It was discussed as to whether these now need to be removed or roped off. If removed the holes will need to be filled in – SL and MH offered to source topsoil for this purpose. IB advised that if/when new swings are put in it would be advisable to have signs asking for dogs to be kept on leads and possible fence off the area to keep dogs away. Discussion was held as to whether keeping the Village Green dog free, but no decision was reached. Discussion was held re the benefits of using metal/plastic to replace the swings and benches which could increase the longevity but cost more, versus replacing with wooden fixtures which would be more aesthetically appropriate. IB advised that he would like to get some quotes so that he has something to work from when trying to get grants/fundraising. The Parish Council asset register needs to be rewritten so that Trust items clearly identified, or a new asset register is created specifically for the Trust. JY is to explore whether we should then be seeking a separate insurance policy.
- 6. New Swings Fund Update** – Approximately £3,000 has already been raised by Sue Hayes.
- 7. Revamp of Green Grants** – Covered in 5 above.
- 8. Wooden Slates on Bridge** – The Field Services team are inundated with work at the moment, it was suggested that if they can provide them volunteers could fit them.

9. AOB – It was agreed that all events which take place on the Village Green need to be arranged prior to them taking place so that risk assessments can be put in place for insurance purposes. This needs to be reviewed, including whether it would be appropriate to ban barbecues for safety reasons. It was proposed that this could be looked at in future meetings.

10. Next Meeting: Monday 25th July 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.25.