

Minutes of Barton Turf Community Charities meeting held on 17th January 2017

A welcome was given to the new Trustee, who was co-opted on to the Parish Council of Barton Turf & Irstead, Mr Martin Mills.

Present: G Neave, T Edmunds, S Lamb, M Mills and D Bradley.

Apologies received from M Oakden, G Murrells and T Dean.

Minutes of last meeting:

Those who were at the last meeting agreed and approved the minutes as a true record. The Chairman, G Neave, signed the minutes.

Matters Arising:

Waste Bins/compound.

Mr Neave was pleased to report that a cheque had been received from Cox's boatyard in the sum of £250 which was to be used for work on the Staithe. The money was from the boatyard bin collections price reduction following negotiations by G Neave.

The Cricket Club agreed to deal with their own rubbish, but was reminded to use the bottle bank on the Staithe for the benefit of the community. T Edmunds would mention a possible donation from the Punt Club at a future meeting.

Following emails to the Trustees, the majority view was for the new bin compound to be near the original compound, but closer to the road with a reed screen at the sides.

Staithe car park surface.

The opportunity of help from Cox's boatyard has now gone as employees are busy till the Summer. It was agreed that a small work party could use a digger on the corner and would need to be post bonfire, as the soil could be replenished on that area, adjacent to the camp entrance.

Black Shed works

Interior - Mr Penstone-Smith had submitted a quote of £75.00 for air vents

Exterior- and £270.00 to deal with the dutch ditch at the front of the Shed. Work on the bin enclosure was to be put on hold. The quotation had been approved and work was to be started very soon.

Bench on staithe

As the Bowls Club are no longer having a coffee morning/stall on May Bank Holiday Monday, it was discussed and agreed that Trustees would hold a similar event this year on 29th May 9.30-12 to raise money for an additional bench on the staithe and for general upkeep of the staithe.

Work parties

Work had been done on the Common with previous rubbish being burnt. There had been a very good turnout for the work party on the Staithe and a note of thanks was to be placed in NIB.

Canoe Club

A letter was still to be sent to the Scout Club requesting them to use one of the two slipways if visiting the Staithe again.

BA - Stern on mooring on staithe.

The Head of Ranger Services advised that the Ranger had ensured the Navigation Byelaws (1995) 62(1) was followed: "Unless otherwise permitted by the Authority, the master of the vessel moored to a quayhead or bank shall ensure that either vessel is made fast to the quayhead or bank at each of its ends and is laid so close as possible to and along the side of that mooring space." It was agreed that a meeting is to be held on site with G Neave and one other Trustee with the Head of Ranger Services.

Grasscutting on Staithe and Common 2017/18

Mr Barrett had offered to cut both areas at the same price as 2016/17. Trustees were happy with this, approved and agreed that the same cuts take place where possible, weather permitting.

Boat Permits and Staithe Management Rules 2017/18

£1,104 had been received in 2016/17, with all permits renewed.

After discussion the Trustees proposed and agreed to increase Group B to £5.00 per foot, but to reduce Group A to £25.00.

An extra rule was proposed and agreed, the wording of which would be sorted by Chairman G Neave.

Dredging of Common

It was becoming urgent for the common to be dredged, but before this could happen a newt count would need to take place. Suggestion was made that individuals manually attempt to remove reed from the water and this would be tried out first to see how difficult it was.

Finance:

Change of cheque signatory.

The necessary forms and checks by Barclays had been completed and T Edmunds was now cheque signatory for the Charity, with S Lamb and D Bradley being the other two signatories.

Monies in since last meeting:

Tap Money £233.00

Any Other Business

BA - leases to sort out quayheading - ongoing.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on April 25th 2017.