

Minutes of Barton Turf Community Charities held on Thursday 25th November.

Present: G Neave, M Mills, J Fletcher, S Maxwell, H McFadyen, D Dean, A Wilton and D Bradley (Treasurer)

It was agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting were a true record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

BA 24 hour mooring lease update

Sub-Committee formed after the last meeting of G Neave, H McFadyen and M Mills. NNDC Legal Department had been asked to provide legal advice, but Cllr Mancini-Boyle advised, after repeatedly being chased, that because of a possible conflict of interest at a later date they would not be able to assist us. The 50 year lease agreement for the free use of Barton Turf staithe ends on 1st June 2022. Negotiations have been ongoing by telephone and email, but to date an agreement has not been reached.

The most recent offer by the Broads Authority is:

- £200 per year rent
- The Broads Authority will accept maintenance liability for the leased mooring site (timber, safety features, chains etc)
- The structural aspects of the site (steel piling) remains with the landowner. (with income raised from the small site rent and the rents applied for the parish moorings could be earmarked by the Parish for future piling works. The steel piling at this location is reasonable)
- The Parish Council has agreed to review the seven year lease period for a longer lease period if a rate increase can be agreed at a set percentage – BA confirms that that is agreeable as long as the percentage increase is acceptable and reasonable and an on-going lease agreement is agreed.

The Chairman is to respond stating that this offer is unacceptable as this would leave the parish with vast expenditure for future piling. The value of the staithe had been placed at £1,350 per annum by an independent surveyor on a full maintenance lease. The Trustees did not believe that the Broads Authority was a fair price as they appear to have cherry-picked the cheaper parts of the maintenance required, whilst leaving the bulk of the expenditure with the village.

Black Shed update:

Sub-Committee formed after the last meeting of D Dean, S Maxwell and J Fletcher. A Wilton and G Neave had recently taken a look at the roof and found the rafters to be in a bad state. On the parish side the batons under the tiles were in a poor state, and the ridge tiles were not looking good. Currently a survey is awaited complete with an itemised list of work required, after which quotations will be needed.

Common – report from Wildlife East Group

A report recommending management suggestions had been received direct from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. It was sent to the local Wildlife East Group which had provided a separate detailed report of the wildlife found recently on the Common. The Group is to hold discussions to determine available manpower and to assess how much work is to be

done. It is understood the NWT will assist with the initial work, with the local Group carrying on with the ongoing work. Further communication from the local Group is awaited. Trustees agreed to invite a Wildlife Group representative to the next meeting to discuss the result of the survey and future work needed on the Common, to be added at the top of the next agenda.

Staithe Car Park

Liveboards – The black car, belonging to a liveboard, left on the staithe without an MOT was removed earlier in the year. His replacement silver car has since been left on the staithe with a flat tyre and without an MOT. There are also issues with a second liveboard, of drunken behaviour and being over familiar with at least two females in the village. It is hoped he will take up the offer of accommodation during the cold winter months, offered by the Broads chaplain. The Chairman is to speak to PC Gibbs about the offending car, and how females have expressed concern about their safety in the presence of the second liveboard.

Water Tap - Monies received for the year to date amount to £1220, and costs to Wave so far amount to £245.64.

The tap is to be turned off either first week of January, or earlier if extremely cold weather.

Honesty Box – Donations amount to £145 to date.

Tree work - Three quotes for cutting down the dead branches over the car park had been received. Trustees approved and paid an amount of £150.00.

Surface – Cox's Boatyard kindly filled in the holes and levelled the surface to the edge of the road. A letter of thanks has been sent.

Waste Bins – Trustees agreed that the two waste bins are to remain on the staithe.

Work parties

The Chairman proposes to plan a Staithe work party over the Christmas period. It will be necessary to contact and liaise with the Wildlife Group to agree a plan for a work party to commence on the common.

Quotes for grasscutting in 2022/3

Three quotes were requested, but only one was received in writing which the Trustees agreed to accept. To cut the Staithe £1284.00 including VAT.

Finance:

<u>Monies paid since 1st April</u>	<u>£</u>
DDM's to E.ON	98.64
DDM's to AW	245.64
DDM to ICO	35.00
NNDC Waste	612.85
Staithe Tree	150.00
Bottle Bank collection	59.76
Staithe grass	1000.00

<u>Income since 1st April</u>	<u>£</u>
Tap Money	1220.00
Donation – Cox's Boatyard	280.00
Donation – Art Group	176.00

Boat permits (2021)	2567.50
Car Park	145.00
BTIPC	217.29

Fees for use of Black Shed in 2022

Trustees agree that the rate is to remain the same as quoted for 2021, with the proviso that the result of a survey states that the building is safe.

Any Other Business

Trustees agreed to invite a Wildlife Group representative to the next meeting to discuss the result of the survey and future work needed on the Common, to be added at the top of the next agenda.

Queens' Platinum Jubilee 2022

A dead tree has recently been cut down on the side of the Staithe close to the Adventure Centre and Staithe House. To celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee in 2022 the Trustees propose to plant a tree in the same area, to be placed on a raised bank for the public to see clearly from the staithe and river.

Noticeboard near the telephone box.

D Dean requested that the noticeboard be given some attention. Condensation obscures and damages documents and the back board is hard and difficult to pin items to it.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7pm.