

Arnold's Bequest Charity Board Meeting

Minutes of a video meeting on 28 July 2020

Video meeting participants: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Colin Butler, Neil Coleby, Alan Green (Chair), Peter Knight, Paul Page, Andy Pearce and Alice Taylor

Also participating: Shona Bendix (Clerk) and Lauren Elliott (Committee Clerk)

Minutes

9. Welcome

The application of the Town Council's video meeting protocol was explained and noted and the meeting was welcomed

10. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tara Carlton, Amanda Frost, Jacqueline Hardie, Graham Parker and John Pitts. Cllrs Bob Breakspear, Peter Collecott, Tracey Eastwood, Peter Lang, Keith Patience and David Youngman had not provided apologies and were absent. Cllr Barnard proposed acceptance of the apologies; seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour.

11. Declarations of interests and any dispensations

There were none.

12. Receipt of any comments and noting that the draft minutes of 21 April 2020 will be considered at the next appropriate meeting

The draft minutes were noted.

13. Any receipts and payments and the accounts to date

Rental income of £625 had been received and the balance of the account was noted at £22,769.

14. Noting support from East Suffolk Norse's Countryside Officer, and considering the need to progress volunteers and/or a Friends Of Group

East Suffolk Norse's Countryside Officer has offered to put together and support a volunteer group. Cllr Eastwood already volunteers at the site with a group of colleagues, so it is hoped that the important work suggested by the Countryside Officer can progress, particularly with regard to longer term health and safety concerns. Cllr Pearce would also be happy to volunteer at the site. It is understood that Norse's insurance should cover the activities if they are being facilitated by a member of its staff. It was requested that the assistance of the Community Payback scheme also be explored. Cllr Pearce proposed progressing the offer of support from East Suffolk Norse; seconded by Cllr Barnard; all in favour.

15. Biodiversity and site management actions, including an update on activities to date and any advice from East Suffolk Norse on longer term improvements to the site

A site visit between Cllr Eastwood, the Clerk and East Suffolk Norse's Countryside Officer recently took place to progress the matters identified in the first site visit. Norse should be able to obtain sustainably sourced and environmentally friendly railway sleepers to stop people parking on the grass. Some health and safety concerns were identified, which had not been picked up and progressed from the first site visit. A natural wildlife pond had previously been suggested and would require Norse's advice. This had been suggested by the Countryside Officer and the Charity Board would like to know if this is still a viable option. The Clerk provided a report of the site visit. Anything posing an immediate health and safety concern has already been reported to Norse. Cllr Green proposed a maximum budget of £10,000, with delegated authority to the Clerk, to progress biodiversity and site management actions; seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour. The Charity Board will meet again in another three months but it was

agreed that another meeting could be called in the interim should additional expenditure be required.

16. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 27 October 2020 19:00

17. Meeting close

There were no confidential items for consideration. The Mayor thanked those who had been viewing the meeting via live stream and closed the meeting at 19:15.