

# Arnold's Bequest Charity Board Meeting

Minutes of a video meeting on 21 April 2020

**Video meeting participants:** Cllrs Sue Barnard, Colin Butler, Neil Coleby, Amanda Frost, Alan Green, Jacqueline Hardie, Peter Knight, Paul Page, Graham Parker, Keith Patience, Andy Pearce and Alice Taylor (Chair)

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

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

The application of the Town Council's video meeting protocol was explained and noted. Councillors were reminded that the was being streamed live online and the meeting was welcomed.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Collecott, Tracey Eastwood, Peter Lang, John Pitts and David Youngman. Cllr Coleby proposed acceptance of the apologies; seconded by Cllr Patience; all in favour.

### 3. Declarations of interests and consideration of any dispensations

There were none.

### 4. The draft minutes of 21 January 2020

There were no comments. The draft minutes were noted and will be formally approved at the next appropriate meeting.

### 5. The accounts and returns to the Charity Commission for the year ending 31 March 2020, receipts and payments to date, and submission of the year ending 31 March 2019 to the Charity Commission

It was noted that a return had been made to the Charity Commission. There had been no transactions since the last meeting and the balance of the account was noted at £22,144. Cllr Coleby proposed acceptance of the current position regarding the accounts and returns to the Charity Commission; seconded by Cllr Knight; all in favour.

### 6. The visit of East Suffolk Norse's Countryside Officer and the need to progress a Friends Of Group once business returns to normal

*Cllr Breakspear joined the meeting 19:06*

The site visit was very positive and lots of good ideas were shared which will help to keep the area looking managed, whilst supporting biodiversity. The Countryside Officer is happy to support a Friends Group, and Cllrs Coleby and Eastwood were working on arrangements to set a group up earlier in the year. It seems that many people are not familiar with the name Arnold's Bequest and it was suggested the Friends Group could look at more signage for the area as a project. During the site visit, the Countryside Officer suggested natural benches could complement the area, and would be happy to work with the Friends Group on such a project. Funds are available in the account to support these projects. It was suggested the Community Wardens could also support these activities once they are in post.

### 7. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 28 July 2020 19:00

### 8. Meeting close

There were no confidential items for consideration. Thanks were offered to those who had viewed the live stream of the meeting and the meeting was closed 19:09.