

Oxenhope Millennium Green Trust

Minutes of Meeting held on 30 September 2019

Present: Ken Eastwood (Chair), Andrew Collinson, Chris Coupland, Michelle Dawson, Celia Holmes, Arthur Leng, Helen Ryder, Roger Smales

Apologies: None

Item 1 Review of 2019 Village Fete

The following points arose from the discussion:

- Better notice of fete needed. Could the bunting go up earlier? More posters.
- Children's games didn't work on the bottom field. Band fine with its new position.
- A barista style coffee bar?
- More tables and chairs for the Band and the Pimm's Stall (where from?)
- Could additional stalls be added on the stream side?
- A headline activity needed for main ring to attract more people to attend. A motor bike display of some sort?
- The ferrets stand was not a success. If they come again next year could they be in a more prominent position? The display was good, very interactive!
- Could registration be in the main ring, thereby freeing up more space for stalls .by the entrance?
- Receipts from the raffle were down. It was suggested that raffle tickets could be sold in advance of the fete thereby potentially increasing sales and revenue
Roger would look into the cost of printing tickets. A permit would be required though this was not thought to be expensive.

Andrew reported that the overall surplus from the fete was considerably down on the previous year, largely because of the poor weather on the day.

It was generally felt thought that the fete had become a bit 'samey' and was in need of some new attractions.

Item 2 Minutes of meeting held on 21 May were approved as a true record

Item 3 Northern Powergrid

- It was reported that Northern Powergrid had now fitted a new gate to their entrance together with a key pad. However it was believed that people were still accessing the steep slope by climbing over the adjacent wall. Also, the occupiers of the houses at Muffin Corner had not been given the code for the keypad in order to access the rear of their properties.

It was asked that Chris Coupland contacted NP accordingly.

- To clarify period of office of the parish Council's nominated Trustee, Michelle Dawson.

Periods of office of all trustees had been settled at the last meeting with the exception of that for Michelle.

The trust deed indicated that the period of office for nominated Trustees would run for four years from the date of appointment i.e. the date of the Council meeting that formally made the appointment. It was asked that this date be supplied at the next Trustees' meeting.

Item 5 Finance Report

- Andrew reported accordingly. Income this year was down because of the reduced surplus on the fete and also because the Business Directory fees had not as yet been requested.

Roger very kindly volunteered to attend to this . He could see no reason why the fees could not be collected by the end of the year.

Item 6 Any other matter

- Andrew reported that Japanese Knotweed had virtually been eliminated from the Green. Himalayan Balsam remained a problem. Much of it emanated from the Northern Powergrid enclosures. Ken asked that this be reported to them for action along with the other matters.

Item 7 Date of next meeting

- 24 February 2020
- The date of the fete in 2020 would be 18 July