

Minutes of Oxenhope Millennium Green Trustees Meeting

24 February 2014

Present: Jeremy Mackrell (Chair), Richard Berry, Andrew Collinson, Chris Coupland, Ken Eastwood and Celia Holmes.

1.Apologies: Tony Jones.

2.Minutes of meeting held on 23 September 2013 were approved subject to amendment in para. 3.3 of 'COIF' for 'COEF'.

3.Matters arising

3.4 The gazebos had been purchased.

4. Finance

Andrew Collinson reported.

- i) Final audited accounts for year end 2103 were circulated. It was agreed they could go to the AGM. (but see later item 6).
- ii) Financial report for this meeting. Attached. Sufficient funds in current account to cover this year's routine maintenance.
- iii) The PA system had been purchased together with a headset microphone. A grant from Bradford MDC for £500 had covered most of the cost of £565. A car battery would need to be obtained to run it outdoors. Could the old generator be sold e.g. on ebay?

5. Maintenance and Horticulture

Andrew Collinson reported

The streamside was in good order. The bark and brushwood on the bank had disappeared in places and needed to be replaced.

The trees needed thinning in places. The trimmings could be used on the bank.

Complaints had been received about dogs getting across the stream and worrying hens on the other side. This was the owner's responsibility. It was felt a notice to this effect should be put on the board. Action Tony?

The mole hills continued to be a problem. Whilst the previous attempt at eradication had been successful up to appoint it was felt that we should explore the possibility of professional treatment. Could we see what services Bradford Council offered? If not contact a local contractor. Action Tony?

Litter was a problem. If doing an inspection best to take gloves so that it can be picked up.

The plantings were becoming well established i.e. snowdrops, daffodils and king cups (along the goit). The goit itself was filling up but OK for the present.

Lawn Order had submitted a tender for maintenance. This was exactly the same as the last two years. It was agreed they should be given the contract for 2014.

Tony Jones had indicated some repairs needed to be carried out on the noticeboard. It was agreed he should arrange this at modest expense.

6. AGM matters

Following expression of some concern about the way certain items in the accounts had been expressed, it was agreed that the Chairman speak to the auditor (H. Dunn) in order that they might

- i) Show that there was a surplus rather than a deficit, and
- ii) To note that there had been a significant reduction in the value of the COIF shares.

Other reports for the AGM would be prepared as follows

Plans for 2014 fete Celia

Maintenance report Chris

Horticulture Andy

Health and Safety Ken

Working Party date to be fixed

Workings of the Trust and Trusteeship Chairman

Any Other business

Tony to display notices locally and in Keighley News three weeks beforehand.

7. Chairmanship

As required by the constitution the Chairman of the Trustees must be appointed at the first meeting of the year. Accordingly Jeremy Mackrell was duly proposed, seconded and elected.

8. Any other business

Ken had been approached by Manorlands who wished to hold a fund raising barbecue on the Green on May 25. Permission was granted subject to their having the necessary insurance cover. They would also need to be informed that the right of public access would remain.

