

Oxenhope Millennium Green Trustees

Minutes of Meeting held on 26 April 2016

Present : Ken Eastwood (chair), Richard Berry, Andrew Collinson, Chris Coupland, Celia Holmes, Tony Jones, Jeremy Mackrell

Apologies : None

Minutes of Meeting held on 15 February 2016 were approved

Matters arising

i) Recovery of deeds re. the Green

Jeremy Mackrell reported he had now retrieved the deeds from the Solicitors' Regulation Authority. He advised that they now be lodged with a local firm of solicitors, AWB Charlesworth, at no charge. This was accepted by the trustees unanimously.

Jeremy went on to deal with the small triangle of land not covered by the original conveyance to the Trust. He pointed out that in law the Trust could establish its ownership by virtue of sixteen years possession together with a further twenty seven years of possession acquired from the previous owner. This could be formally attached to the title at the Land Registry but at a cost of several hundred pounds. The trustees felt this would be unnecessary at the present time as no other party was seeking to acquire or use the land.

Jeremy agreed to draft a statutory notice relating to the current period of the possessory title.

The chairman reminded the meeting that he had a copy of the title as currently registered.

ii) funding of repairs to the Green.

Chairman reported that £500 had been received from the Parish Council as a result of the presentations by village organisations which had taken place on 12 March.

As previously agreed approximately £250 of this sum had been spent on erecting further fencing around the 'beach' area. The 'deep water' signs had not as yet been put in place due to difficulties in finding a supplier. The chairman would make enquiries of local wood workers etc. A sum not exceeding £100 was agreed could be spent.

Details of the poor state of the wall by the Mill Lane bridge had been referred to Bradford Council and an acknowledgement received. The Chairman would follow it up with the appropriate department.

Use of the Green by Bradford Council children's services for after school activities

Sarah Dunn of the above department had contacted trustees about the possibility of using the Green for after school activities on Wednesdays during school term time, and between 1 and 5 pm during the holidays. The children would mostly, but not exclusively, be pupils at Oxenhope primary.

The trustees were happy to give their consent subject to appropriate insurance cover being in place.

Financial report

Andrew Collinson reported verbally. Little had changed since the last report at the AGM. After payment for the fencing (mentioned above) the current account balance stood at £3368.48. This figure would more than cover the routine expenses for this year.

Any other business

Tony Jones announced that consequent upon his move to Norfolk he would be resigning as a trustee.

There was some discussion as a result regarding the recruitment of new trustees.

Several names were put forward and enquiries would be made of relevant parties.

Andrew Collinson raised the possibility of a more permanent path down the muddy slope. He undertook to contact Lawn Order as to feasibility and costing and report back.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.30 pm at 8 West Drive