

Oxenhope Millennium Green Trust

Minutes of meeting held on 2 March 2020

At West Lane Oxenhope

1. Present: Ken Eastwood (chair), Andrew Collinson, Chris Coupland, Michelle Dawson, Celia Holmes, Arthur Leng (for item 3 only), Helen Ryder, Roger Smales.

2. Apologies for absence: None

3. Arrangements for village fete 2020:

Celia Holmes' involvement in the organisation of the fete since its inception was acknowledged by all present following her announcement that she was retiring from this duty and from her role as a Trustee.

She had however done much of the preparation for this year and would still be available in a consultative role.

Following on from the last meeting it was agreed that the sale of raffle tickets in advance of the fete as well as on the day itself, should be considered. A small lottery permit would need to be obtained and books of raffle tickets printed. All were in favour of proceeding accordingly. Roger would look into costs of printing tickets and report back.

The advantages would be several fold i.e. increased revenue as a result of sale to those who would not necessarily be present on the day; an income stream in the event that weather affected attendance at the fete ; the possibility of sales at other locations in the village e.g. the Co-op.

Other matters relating to the Fete were discussed as follows:

- Posters advertising the fete to be put up earlier than a week prior e.g. at the Co-op, Cricket Club and similar village locations
- Different events could feature e.g. a display of motor bikes, majorettes (Keighley) , belly dancers, fire eater(!), singing performance (as well as the school), small animal rescue. Roger and Michelle agreed to look into the possibility of their taking part and report back. A major attraction for the main ring would be ideal – any ideas?

- The ferret stand had not been successful and probably would not be wanting to make an appearance this year. However the alpacas would be on board again.
- Thanks to Helen the Pimms stall would operate again this year.
- It had been mooted that perhaps the Fell Race Registration could take place this year in the main ring thus freeing up space by the entrance to the Green for additional stalls. However Arthur pointed out that this would not be suitable as many of the runners wanted to leave their personable belongings at the registration point.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 30 September 2019 were approved.

5. Matters arising

- Northern Powergrid

Chris reported that the sign on the gate at Muffin Corner indicating that the land adjacent thereto was owned by Northern Powergrid and that there was no access to the Green by that route, was now in place.

There was some indication that 'traffic' into the Trust's land via that route was much reduced. Also it appeared that the NP enclosures had been tidied of Himalayan Balsam and that the damage to the wooden enclosures themselves had been repaired.

- The exact date of Michelle's appointment as a Trustee was not yet certain however the fact of her appointment was referred to in the minutes of the Trustees' meeting on 21 May 2019 so it was felt it could properly date from this time.
- Business Directory. Roger reported that he had written to all the current entries on the Business Directory requesting £30 fee for the inclusion of their businesses for the coming year. Several had responded with the fee but most were still outstanding.

Trustees agreed between themselves to approach the various businesses and, after establishing they still wanted to be included, collect the outstanding amounts.

6. Finance Report

Andrew presented the finance report for the year ended which was accepted unanimously by members.

Despite the Fete surplus being considerably down on the previous year and there being a loss of £488 in the year 2019, the Trust's overall funds were virtually the same as at the end of 2018, in the region of £17,600.

The report would be presented to the forthcoming AGM.

7. Damage to the Green as a result of recent storms.

Trustees had noted the damage caused. The collapse of the wall adjacent to the bridge on Harry Lane would be the responsibility of the highway authority who would doubtless carry out a thorough repair in due course. The area at the bottom of the weir had again sustained damage as a result of the huge amount of water flowing over it. A working party was fixed for Friday 13 March at 1.30 pm to carry out necessary repairs and make the area safe.

8. The Annual General Meeting would take place at the Bay Horse on Friday 27 March at 7.30 pm (subject to confirmation).

9. Any other business.

The contract for grounds maintenance was due for renewal. Lawn Order had quoted a figure of £2080 to carry out work as before. This was an increase of £7 per month or 2.4%. The quote was accepted.

10. Date of next meeting of the Trust : 7.30 pm 11 May 2020