



Weasenham The Green Charity

Minutes of the Weasenham Green Trustees
held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 6.30pm at
Weasenham Community Building

Present:

Cllr M Romanovsky – Chair, Cllr T McClenaghan and Cllr J Hargreaves
9 members of the public
Clerk – G Robinson

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies as everyone were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

It was noted that Weasenham Parish Council is the Sole Trustee of the charity.

Cllr Romanosky is a resident adjacent to The Green.

3. To agree the minutes from the Green Charity meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024

The minutes were altered:

Item 5 Openreach wayleave £397.28

Once this alteration was made Cllr Hargreaves proposed that the minutes should be approved. This was seconded by Cllr McClenaghan and Cllr Romanovsky also approved.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting.

It was reported that the tree work discussed at item 8 of the meeting had been carried out and completed.

5. Financial Matters:

a) To receive updates on the Greens Charity bank account balance, income and expenditure.

- Insurance £181.47 due 17/10/24
- Tree work £900.00 and note that this has been paid by a donation to the charity

b) To receive accounting records for the period 1/11/22 to 31/10/23 and note submission to the Charity Commission. Opening balance £1300.42. Income £50.00. Expenditure zero. Closing balance £1350.42.

This was information was noted.

- c) To discuss a proposal that grass cutting on The Green is paid for by the Solar fund
Cllr McClenaghan noted that this will reduce the burden on the precept if Solar fund money can be used for this purpose.
Cllr McClenaghan proposed, that if possible Solar fund money should be used to pay for the green grass cutting, Cllr Hargreaves seconded and all agreed that they would like this as a way forward.
- d) To note a quotation for a pond liner
A resident of the village, wanted to find out if it was possible to get a pond liner, to help retain the water in the pond. They went ahead and measured up and got a quote for the pond liner. The quote has been obtained for the trustees to consider. It was felt that the cost was beyond something the charity could consider at the moment but perhaps something to consider in the future if grants can be found.
- e) To note that the pond has dried up
Cllr Romanovsky noted that the pond has currently dried up.

6. To receive updates regarding the condition of the gravel tracks & roadways around the Green

It was noted this was discussed at length at the last meeting. Neither the Parish Council nor the sole Trustee of the Green carried out the repairs to the tracks but instead gave permission to a village volunteer group to carry out the work. The volunteer group that kindly took on these repairs is completely separate from Trustees of the Green (and Parish Council). The charity received a donation of hardcore and 4 tons of aggregate to aid the repair. Equipment was lent to the volunteers and a resident offered to pay for the cost of hiring machinery. Over a 4-day period the lower portion of the repairs have been completed. It is now the responsibility of the residents to continue with any necessary repairs. Cllr Romanovsky noted that there is a training course coming up on the upkeep of Greens that someone could attend. The cost is £80.00+ VAT £100 and to be taken online. It was agreed that subject to the course being suitable then someone should attend.

There are sections of the tracks that have not been done because a household would like to make the repair themselves. However, if this is not done in the next 6 months perhaps more volunteers could make the repairs, so the work is completed. Cllr McClenaghan recalled that a different resident of the green had offered to pay for machinery hire if it was required again.

7. To receive an update regarding any further maintenance work on the pond, including tree work at the pond area and agree actions necessary and/or funding

It was reported that there a big branch has fallen off the willow tree into the pond. The tree has been damaged in a storm. The members felt that the branch is potentially hazardous and could cause damage and felt it should be

removed. Cllr Romanovsky suggested that volunteers could do this work with the appropriate risk assessments completed. If there are no volunteers able to help, then it was agreed to get quotes for this tree work should be sought. Clerk to find out if this could be funded by an insurance claim. It was noted that the pond is dry at the moment, so a good time to do the work.

8. Updates regarding Wayleaves for the Village Green

There is still a wayleave from UK Powernet works to come in and we understand this will be backdated.

9. To discuss cars driving across the green and the potential need of a limited number of signs

Cllr Romanovsky noted that he very often sees vehicles driving over the green and parking on the green, including delivery drivers that cut corners of the tracks. Usually, 3 to 5 vehicles every week and discussed if this should be tolerated or should the trustees try to address this problem.

Cllr McClenaghan expressed his view that this level could be tolerated, and signs would detract from the view of the green. It was felt this should continued to be monitored to get a level of the problem. It was also noted that the 'No Parking' on and 'No Driving' over the village green could be advertised again in village publications.

Time Allocated to the Public

A parishioner noted that she had seen someone parked on the green and had politely said to them that they should not be parking on the green. Another local village has a sign displayed asking people not to park on their village green.

A parishioner noted that the charity does not have authority over the Solar Funds. Cllr Romanovsky noted that authorisation has been given by solar fund manager to use the solar funds for this purpose.

A parishioner asked if all the wayleaves been collected. Cllr Romanovsky reported that they have, with the exception of the UK Power networks, but this is being chased-up and we expect it to be back-dated.

A parishioner asked how much it is costing to have the Green cut. Cllr Romanovsky felt it was approximately £1200.00.

10. Time & date of next meeting – 21st January 2025 6.30pm.

Councillors noted the date and time of the next meeting.