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## Weasenham The Green Charity

Minutes of the Weasenham Green Trustees held on Tuesday 4th June 2024  
at 6.30pm at Weasenham Community Building

### Present:

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

### 1. Apologies

All present.

### 2. Declarations of interest

It was noted that Weasenham Parish Council is the Trustee of the charity.  
Cllr Romanovsky is a resident of The Green

### 3. To agree the minutes from the Green Charity meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024

It was proposed by Cllr McClenaghan that the minutes should be approved. This was seconded Cllr Hargreaves and Cllr Romanovsky also approved.

It was **resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

### 4. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Timber to replace the small footbridge at the pond were purchased for £42. These were put in place by Mr C Donachie.

The tree survey payment could not be made initially as we had no access to the bank account. This has now been resolved.

The Village Green Training Course was cancelled by the organisers due to lack of numbers. The only way to have undertaken it was to pay for all places on the course. At £700, this was clearly not practicable. Online training will be undertaken if possible.

The issue with the potholes on the tracks across the Green is an agenda item.

### 5. Financial: To receive updates on the Greens Charity bank account balance, income and expenditure

Bank balance as of 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	£1359.70
Income since the last meeting of 30 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wayleave	£60.00
Outreach wayleave	£397.28

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Expenses since the last meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Wood	£42.00
AT Coombes Ass	£456.00

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

Cllr McClenaghan discussed the potholes that are on the tracks that go over the Green. Cllr McClenaghan has looked at documents that relate to who is responsible for repairs from many years ago and it is not absolutely clear. Residents' views on the matter are inconsistent.

Cllr Romanovsky noted that most people are happy with the situation whereby residents maintain the track to and from their own property. However, he stated that a proposal to pragmatically address the situation had been drawn up. It was stressed that the proposal involves volunteers to assist in the repair work.

Cllr Romanovsky suggested a Community Action Group to come together to take this project forward. Four people have already expressed an interest supporting the initiative. Cllr Romanovsky discussed an opportunity to get a free source of hardcore material to infill the holes and stated that a 'whacker' may be made available to the volunteers to compact the material. After that there would be a top dressing, so that the repairs were in keeping with the surrounding track. These repairs would be a short-term answer to the current problems, as the tracks would continue to need maintaining. Cllr McClenaghan confirmed that Cllr Romanovsky's suggestion would be a pragmatic way to solve the problem. Cllr Hargreaves noted that leaflets to advertise the Community Action Project would be helpful. Details of the project will be advertised. Cllr Romanovsky discussed the materials that have been used previously and this would be similar. Trustees agreed that this would be a good way forward and confirmed that the appropriate Risk Assessments would be in place and appropriate training would be given.

## **7. Updates about enforcing No parking/No driving on the Green including how this affects contractors**

Councillors noted that the Green is within a Conservation Area. There should be no driving or parking on the Green, without prior permission from the Trustee. However, there seems to be an increase in driving on the Green and people using it as a parking space. Cllr Romanovsky discussed a recent example of a vehicle being driven right across the middle of the Green. The local housing association recently took the liberty of going on the Green without permission to fell a tree. Cllr McClenaghan noted that there is a legal restriction on driving and parking on the Green. Councillors felt that it would not look good to have multiple signs on the Green prohibiting driving and parking. It was agreed that people just need to be made aware that it is actually an offence. It was agreed that there needs to be appropriate advertising in the village newsletter or on notices on the notice board explaining the prohibition. Exceptions can be made if there is a special event on the Green, when a waiver can be applied. It was discussed why some drivers drive over the Green, including delivery drivers, and it was agreed that they were using the most direct route to their

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destination. It was discussed that perhaps a few discreet signs could be put up. This situation is going to be continually monitored to see how this progresses and the scale of the problem.

**8. To receive an update on the tree quotes resultant from the February 2023 tree survey**  
Quotes were considered. In the meantime, one tree has fallen, therefore no longer causing a problem. Cllr McClenaghan proposed that the work is undertaken by Norfolk Trees. Cllr Hargreaves seconded this proposal and Cllr Romanovsky also agreed to this.

**9. To receive an update regarding any further maintenance work on the pond and agree actions necessary and/or funding**  
Cllr Romanovsky reported that some of the revetments are rotten, so there is concern about these falling into the pond. Previously £500 was set aside for work to be carried out around the pond. Cllr McClenaghan felt that there is possibly funding available that would avoid the Trust using their own funds. Cllr Romanovsky noted that a resident has been supportive in researching why the pond dries out.

**10. Updates regarding Wayleaves for the Village Green**  
Two outstanding amounts are being pursued.

## **Time Allocated to the Public**

Parishioners discussed parking on the Green and the arrangements for this. Cllr Romanovsky noted that Councillors will look at previous minutes to see if they provide information that can help understand the situation. Parishioner noted that the Green is the responsibility and ownership of all the village as it is the Weasenham Village Green. Cllr Romanovsky noted that in terms of the usage it is the 12 properties that go over the Green that have a particular interest in it. A parishioner was pleased with the solutions proposed as a way forward to repair the potholes. A parishioner asked for more details about the work involved for the pothole repairs. Councillors discussed this, in relation to the hardcore and hoggin to be sourced and used. A parishioner would like to make sure that the top dressing could be of the resident's choice if it is outside their property. Councillors feel it should be in keeping with what is already on the track but happy to work with parishioners on that matter.

**11. Time & date of next meeting.**

It was **resolved** that the next meeting would be scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

It was agreed to set a date for the Former Highways Charity. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held Highways 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm