

HICKLING PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND CHARITY RCN 270199

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on 23rd August 2012 Venue: Hickling Barn Time 7.30pm

TRUSTEES : Chairman Richard Cook, Nick Baker, David Beales, David Pugh, Harry Purnell, Vivien Tallowin, Harvey Gibbons, Brian Butcher, Chris Watkins, Maggie Prettyman, Shirley Sainsbury.

Members present: 72 signed in.

Apologies: Trustee Lorraine West.

1. Welcome and Introduction

HPFRG Trustees Chairman Richard Cook opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present and asked if anyone in the room objected to EDP journalist Steven Pullinger being present and reporting on proceedings. A show of hands was in favour of him remaining at the meeting.

Richard then proceeded to introduce all trustees present and said the charity was always looking for people with new skills or anyone that wished to be more involved with the day to day running of Hickling Barn they would be more than welcome to come on board.

2. To receive accounts for the financial year 2011/2012 –

Trustees Vice chairman Harry Purnell gave an overview of the accountants report and the key issues within the last financial year. (Full report attached to these minutes)

It was then proposed on the basis of the report from Phoenix Business Services, Accountants' report, that the Charity's accounts for the 2011/2012 financial year are approved.

With a show of hands **the motion was carried.**

A further report was given on the position since the end of the financial year; the past 5 months or so.

3. To appoint an Auditor -

Trustee Nick Baker proposed that **Phoenix Business Services be appointed** as Auditor for 2012/2013 accounts, with a show of hands this was approved and **the motion carried.**

4. Report on the activities of the Charity since June 2011 –

Trustee Maggie Prettyman gave a comprehensive report on all activities and events that have or are ongoing at the Barn. We have been pleasantly surprised at the level of interest and the resounding success of the Barn over the last year and thanks go to all the volunteers that have given their time to ensure these activities and events run smoothly.

5. To receive any nominations for Trustees since the Special General Meeting of the 29th March '12 – No nominations received

6. To receive any issues of policy – None received

7. To receive a statement on the legal dispute with the Hickling Parish Council –

A financial report and explanation of accounts as they stood at the 31st March 2012 and why we had to take legal action against the parish council for the outstanding monies they owe for the build costs.

A question and answer session took place with the majority of people not understanding why the parish council has withheld a large sum of money when it is for a facility for all the village. How much had been spent of legal costs for both sides which in essence is everyone's money regardless which side. Someone remarked that there was 'tribalism' in the village, them and us. Are we in danger of losing the hall. Questions to be parish council never get a full answer returned. Charity had taken out loans to appease the builder but

still a large sum outstanding. If paid in full now no more money spent on legal fees. As mediation has not worked can the solicitors get together, both lawyers agree. Norman Lamb MP offered his services but the parish council turned it down Parish council Chairman offered to set another discussion date after she came back off holiday.

Mr Terry Cotton thanked all of the trustees for all their hard work.

Chairman Richard Cook invited everyone to stay for refreshments and thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed Richard Cook.....

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