

# HICKLING PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND CHARITY RCN 270199

## Minutes of the Special General Meeting

Held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012      Venue: Hickling Barn    Time 7.30pm

The meeting was attended by 63 members, including 8 existing Trustees, all of whom signed into the meeting.

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

HPFRG Trustees Chairman Richard Cook opened the meeting and explained the only business for the meeting was the receipt of Trustee nominations and Election of Trustees for 2012-2013 for the charity and then proceeded to introduce the independent Chairman, Mr Terry Cotton and welcomed all other attendees (full speech appended to these minutes).

Mr Terry Cotton then took over the role of Independent Chair in the interest of fairness, to oversee the business of the meeting.

### 2. The following nominations had been received –

- Hickling Infant School nominated LORRAINE WEST
- Hickling Snooker Club nominated CHRIS WATKINS
- The Phoenix Trust nominated BRIAN BUTCHER
- Hickling Football club nominated RICHARD COOK
- Hickling Hunnies nominated HARRY PURNELL
- The Methodist Church nominated HARVEY GIBBONS
  
- *(St Mary's Church and 3 District Councillors declined to nominate)*
- *The Parish Council was not asked to nominate a Trustee only because it is in financial and legal dispute with the Charity.*

The independent Chairman asked the Trustees to confirm their acceptance of the nominations for Trustees. *All confirmed their acceptance.*

Members were then asked to confirm their acceptance of the nominations via a show of hands. *Almost all members present voted in favour with none against*

### 3. Election of Trustees-

Following Notices being placed in the village, those members wishing to stand for election as Trustees had until 5pm on Tuesday 27 March 2012 to return their application to the Secretary. At this time, the following members of the Charity had applied: MR DAVID BEALES, MRS MAGGIE PRETTYMAN, MR NICK BAKER

Chair Terry Cotton asked for a show of hands on the elected Trustee applications.

*Almost all members present voted in favour with none against*

- DAVID BEALES, MAGGIE PRETTYMAN and NICK BAKER were declared duly elected

The complete list of trustees duly appointed at this meeting as follows: **NICK BAKER, DAVID BEALES, BRIAN BUTCHER, RICHARD COOK, HARVEY GIBBONS, MAGGIE PRETTYMAN, HARRY PURNELL, CHRIS WATKINS, LORRAINE WEST**

Independent Chair, Terry Cotton then declared the **meeting closed at 7.40pm** and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Richard Cook..... Terry Cotton.....

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Chairman Richard Cook speech –

“The only business which will be conducted will be the receipt and confirmation of the nominated Trustees and the election of three further Trustees. This is a formality we have to through this year by SGM. It would inappropriate for the existing Trustees to conduct other business this evening. Firstly, because it is not on the agenda and secondly, with new Trustees, they will need to meet first to consider any important issues for discussion rather than taking business “on the hoof”.

The role of the Trustees is to provide overall management of the Charity, to ensure that its finances are properly controlled and to ensure that the Charity meets its charitable objects. In this case these objects are, through the management of the hall and the playing field, to provide recreational facilities and opportunities for the benefit of Hickling and its wider community.

The current 9 Trustees have overseen the successful build of the hall over the past year or so and, with the gratefully received help from the management team, have started off the activities and events in the hall since it opened in December.

It was always envisaged that the charity would, in the future move to nominated and elected Trustees and we have now reached that point. Nominations were sought from a number of Parish and user Stakeholders and elected representatives and a number did indeed nominate Trustees. In addition, the Charity is seeking to elect from the general membership, a further three Trustees.

Notices were placed as required a clear two weeks before the election on the Notice Boards at the Staithe, The Chapel Pit, at the Barn, inviting applications from members who wished to put themselves forward for election.”