

HICKLING PLAYING FIELD OR RECREATION GROUND CHARITY RCN 270199

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

9th December 2016, 6.30pm at Hickling Barn

TRUSTEES: Chairman Richard Cook, Nick Baker, Harry Purnell, Harvey Gibbons, Chris Watkins, Lorraine West, Shirley Sainsbury, Vivien Tallwin, Maggie Prettyman, Brian Butcher, Mike Hodgson, Robin Slatter.

Invited guests: Karen Christianson, the charity's accountant from Farr & Associates Ltd

Apologies: Trustees: Richard Booton; Members: Gemma Scarborough.

Members present: 31 signed in, including Trustees.

1. Welcome and Introduction

HPFRG trustees chairman Richard Cook opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present including one minor who would not take part in any voting. The rules for attending the meeting were summarised by the chairman. He asked if anyone believed that any of those present was not a member of the charity. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 2015 AGM were presented and approved with 1 Abstention.

2. To receive the accounts for the financial Year 2015/2016

Trustees Vice Chairman Harry Purnell gave an overview of the accountant's report and the key issues from the last financial year. Questions on the accounts were invited for the Charity's accountant, with no response. It was then proposed on the basis of the report from Farr & Associates Ltd that the charity's accounts for the 2015/2016 financial year be received and forwarded to the Charity Commission. With a show of hands the motion was carried unanimously with 1 abstention.

Chairman Richard Cook thanked Karen, on behalf of all the trustees for her hard work and diligence on the accounts this year especially after the sudden death of our previous accountant Jeremy Veitch in December 2015 which resulted in our AGM being later than normal.

These are draft accounts until the Charity Commission approves them but they will be available on the Barn website.

3. Report on the activities of the charity for 2015/16

Chairman Richard Cook in the absence of Richard Booton gave a summary of the Business Plan that is now in place. This will enable us to secure our financial stability and build up our financial reserves to allow us to meet any eventuality, including having to pay back our remaining loan. Trustee Maggie Prettyman reported on the activities taken place during 2015-2016. The Barn continues to be a fantastic community resource for the village, and its success is due to its many volunteers, our event team, and the support of hundreds of people living in Hickling.

The trustees, management team and all the volunteers have worked extremely hard over the past year to ensure the Barn continues to be successful.

The chairman stated that all policies have been reviewed and where necessary updated.

4. Election of trustees

Stakeholder group nominations were:

- Brian Butcher – Phoenix Trust
- Richard Cook – Football Club
- Harry Purnell – Hickling Hunnies
- Maggie Prettyman – Hickling Parish Council (agreed verbally, to be ratified at next PC meeting)
- Mike Hodgson – Hickling Parish Council (agreed verbally, to be ratified at next PC meeting)
- Chris Watkins – Snooker Club
- Lorraine West – Hickling School

The following stood for open election:

- Nick Baker
- Richard Booton
- Harvey Gibbons

With a show of hands all the above were accepted onto the board of trustees. All other trustees resigned: Viv Tallowin, Shirley Sainsbury and Pam Barnard. Viv Tallowin, Shirley Sainsbury & Robin Slatter to be co-opted at next trustees meeting.

Richard Cook invited everyone to stay for refreshments and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Signed Richard Cook.....

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