

Minutes of Meeting of Middleham Town Council as Trustee of Charity For The Benefit Of Inhabitant Householders of Parish of Middleham (the 'Charity' or 'IH') held in Middleham Key Centre on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 following conclusion of the Town Council meeting. (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING)

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Fairhurst, Cllr Mrs H Byford, Cllr Mr M Cade, Cllr Mrs L Stocker, and Cllr Mr N Hopper.

Clerk, Mr D Keep

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1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr S Wheeler and Cllr Mr G Fortune.

2. Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Each person present is a Councillor of Middleham Town Council, the Charity's sole Trustee. No other interests were declared in the business to be transacted at the meeting.

3. Minutes

3.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of meetings held on 26 June 2019 as a true and accurate record to be signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Schedule of agreed actions. The schedule was noted.

4. Land Management (IH) – Information/Decision required.

4.1 Review of Health and Safety Matters. There were no matters to report by exception.

4.2 Honesty Box. In the absence of alternatives, it was agreed to proceed with purchase of a box similar to the one already in place.

4.5 Road to Moors. Following discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with clearing the verges as far as the 30 mph sign at an additional cost of £250. It was felt that this was essentially NYCC's responsibility and that there had already a number if additional areas which had been added to the land management budget. In particular it was noted that MKC was benefitting from grass cutting and now hedge trimming during the current year.

4.6 Cobbles Review. Cllr Cade reported on areas requiring attention as a result of yesterday's heavy rain and the Clerk would obtain a quotation from Wheelers so that these may be repaired as a matter of urgency.

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Cllr Cade and Cllr Wheeler had also inspected the repairs following access to utility services adjacent to Barbican House and, whilst probably not to the same standard the Council preferred, it was acceptable.

4.3 Common Land / Town Wastes Parking.

There had been no further communication had been received from the Manor House executors. It was concluded that all potential witnesses had been sounded out other than

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one individual on holiday. It was agreed not to incur potentially unnecessary costs and only forward the statements to EP if the executors proceeded with their claim.

5. Financial and Administrative Matters.

5.1 Cashbook balance and bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2019. Noted.

5.1.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the schedule of direct debits and internet bank transfers to approve and ratify all payments since the last Meeting as set out on the payments schedule and to approve Items of expenditure as submitted to the meeting.

5.2 To Consider Changing the Charity's name. Following discussion, it was agreed to retain the current name.

5.3 To adopt statement of Charitable Objectives. Following discussion, it was agreed that a statement would be helpful but that, in respect of the Trustees' responsibility for managing land holdings, legal advice should be sought. At the current time this was not necessary but could be as part of the opinions sought if the parking issue went forward.

5.4 Adoption of the Grant Making Policy. IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the Grant Making Policy as also adopted by the Town Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Signed.....Date.....