

TOWN & POORS CHARITY FIELD MINUTES of the Meeting Thursday 6th May 2021 at 21.16 hrs (following the Parish Council meeting) by Zoom videoconference (due to social distancing)

Present: S Fane de Salis (Chairman), S Jackson-Rimmer, S Parfrey, W Burcham, S.Cardwell (Clerk) and two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence - G Smith (Vice Chairman), R Johnson, J Pope
2. To approve Minutes of the Charity Meeting on 15th April 2021- Cllr W Burcham proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr S Parfrey and carried unanimously.
3. Matters Arising- none
4. Finance:
 - 4.1 Charity accounts report:
Balance at 29th April: £1764.22- noted.
 - 4.2 Expenditure for approval 6th May 2021:
None.
5. Update regarding the installation of hardstanding and gates at the allotments- The invoices have been received following completion of the work. It was noted that there has been a great deal of appreciation for the works completed at the allotment site. Cllr S Fane de Salis explained that he had been approached by the Chairman of the Allotment Association about stain and oil for the allotment gates; he then proposed the Parish Council reimburse for the required products to maintain the gates in their current state (no labour costs); it was resolved to proceed as suggested. Purchase of an additional lock to secure the pedestrian gate was raised and Cllr W Burcham agreed to discuss with the Allotment Association and provide feedback to the Parish Council at the next meeting.
6. To discuss the possibility of fruit trees for the allotments- deferred pending further information.
7. Update regarding installation of beehives on the field- Cllr W Burcham confirmed that the structure is finished and two hives in position. One hive has bees in it now and will be allowed to settle prior to bees being introduced in the second hive.
8. Update regarding the Allotment Association and allotment usage- Cllr W Burcham updated the Council to say that the next meeting of the Allotment Association will be in a couple of weeks. There is now one additional plot and another to be taken on that is in progress, leaving two free plots.
9. To discuss the use of the remaining part of the field and the proposition to grass this area- Cllr S Fane de Salis explained that where the top soil was removed for the hardstanding, this was spread to fill a natural dip but will grow weeds if left unattended. Various suggestions were discussed including meadow grass, wildflowers, grass, livestock. Cllr W Burcham will seek further advice and update the Council next meeting.
10. Correspondence- none.
11. Any other business- Potential purchase of an additional lock for the pedestrian gate at the allotments to be added to the June agenda.
12. Date of the next Meeting – 24th June at Spaldwick Community Room.

Meeting finished at 21.30hrs.

Minutes to be approved and signed at the next Charity Meeting.

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: