

TOWN & POORS CHARITY FIELD MINUTES of the Meeting Thursday 15th April 2021 at 20.54 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 three 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 18th March 2021- Cllr W Burcham proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and carried unanimously.
3. Matters Arising- none
4. Finance:
 - 4.1 Charity accounts report:

To note: The transfer of funds (£1619.64) back to the main account agreed in May has been completed.
Balance at 8th April: £1720.22- noted.
 - 4.2 Expenditure for approval 15th April 2021:

None.
5. Update regarding the hardstanding works at the allotments and to discuss measures for restricting vehicular access onto the field while works are completed- Cllr S Fane de Salis updated the Council confirming that the hardstanding has been completed and that the gates would be installed the following day, to restrict entry to the site. Cllr S Fane de Salis also confirmed that there had been a water leak beside the first water trough. The ground was dug up and the piping replaced by R. Purser as this needed to be rectified prior to the installation of the hardstanding; an additional invoice will be received for this work completed.
6. Update regarding the gates at the allotments- It was agreed that Cllr S Parfrey would follow-up with Huntingdonshire District Council regarding the planning conditions.
7. To discuss the possibility of fruit trees for the allotments- Deferred pending a proposal from the Allotment Association.
8. Update regarding maintenance of the hedging for the allotments- Cllr W Burcham confirmed that there would be no invoice issued for the hedge cutting completed; Cllr S Fane de Salis requested she pass on thanks from the Council.
9. Update regarding installation of beehives on the field- P. Scrutton, the permitted beekeeper, confirmed the fencing is being built and the area netted at 6ft high. He also stated the gate and sign will be installed in time for the bees being moved in and he will advise the Allotment Association accordingly.
10. Update regarding the Allotment Association and allotment usage- Cllr W Burcham updated the Council to say that allotment holders are both pleased and thankful for the hardstanding works that have been completed on site. She confirmed there are 23 existing plots and with the installation of the hardstanding an additional four or five plots will be added as required (one has already been converted for someone on the waiting list).
11. To discuss the use of the remaining part of the field and the proposition to grass this area- Locking of the current gates was discussed and P. Scrutton requested the gates be kept in place to aid security of the beehives.
12. Correspondence- none.

