

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: Barry Darch (Chair), Graham Catchpole, Richard Stubbings, Colin Hill, Jack Walmsley, Phil Dennington, Daniel Smith, Jennie Robinson, Ash Lever, Stevie Bubb.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Johnson, Brian Woodruff, Gillian Birrell, Jeff Harris, Peggy McGregor and Nathalie Chidley.

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022

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4. Matters arising from the minutes

Secretary gave an update that he is awaiting quotations for the repair of the Avenue gates and that the bollard should be installed this week.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2022

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6. To receive the draft minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022

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7. To receive an update on the Sports & Social Club extension / parking issues Working Party

Chair gave a verbal update on the meeting of the Working Party held on 28th June. He reported that the Working Party had: agreed its terms of reference; considered potential parking solutions and identified two possibilities; invited representatives from sports clubs to the next meeting of the Group on 26th July.

8. To disband the Goose Green Working Party and to delegate the resolution of the issues on the site to Assets & Estates Committee

Chair reported that the Tennis Club are no longer interested in using the triangular piece of land next to the tennis courts and he therefore suggested that the working party is no longer needed. Richard Stubbings proposed that the Goose Green Working Party be disbanded and the resolution of the issues on the site be delegated to Assets & Estates Committee. This was seconded by Jack Walmsley. It was clarified that the land in question is in Goose Green East and any land in Goose Green West is not included. A vote was taken on the proposal which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To disband the Goose Green Working Party and to delegate the resolution of the issues on the site to Assets & Estates Committee.

9. To receive an update on the plans for the transfer of the ownership and management of the Common Play Park to the Trust

Councillors noted the report received from the Secretary. Cllr Stubbings expressed unhappiness with the approach adopted by East Suffolk Council. Cllr Catchpole noted that all asset transfers from East Suffolk to local councils are accompanied by financial contributions to the relevant local council and that this case should not be an exception.

10. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for June

Councillors noted that the part of the invoice from Miles Water for the wildflower seeding should be withheld, pending clarification that this work had been completed successfully.

RESOLVED To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for June 2022, subject to the amendment above.

11. Any Other Business

Chair noted the draft agreement and map from UK Power Networks requesting permission to route cabling across Trust land. He noted that this was a substantial

proposal that should be reviewed by the Assets & Estates Committee. Cllr Stubbings noted that the draft agreement was very restrictive and he suggested that the Trust should take advice from solicitors. He noted that the easement being requested should come with a significant capital return to the Trust in return for the requested permission and he suggested that the Trust seek professional advice and agree a budget accordingly. Cllr Walmsley suggested a presentation to Full Trust by the company proposing the work.

Cllr Stubbings proposed that the issue be delegated to Assets & Estates Committee, that the Trust should seek advice from a solicitor, that the company be invited to attend the next full Trust meeting on 2nd August, after which the matter would be considered again by Assets and Estates Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Walmsley, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the issue be delegated to Assets & Estates Committee, that the Trust should seek advice from a solicitor, that the company be invited to attend the next full Trust meeting on 2nd August, after which the matter would be considered again by Assets and Estates Committee.

Cllr Bubb noted that she had received representations from residents of St Mary's flats concerning the decision on the future of the building and she noted that a meeting of residents was due to be held at Blyburgate Hall on 27th July at 2pm, and she invited any councillors to attend this meeting. Chair noted that this was not Trust business.

12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd August 2022 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 2nd August 2022 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2022

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Meeting closed at 8.05pm.