

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2022 IN HUNGATE HALL

Present

Councillors: Barry Darch (Chair), Graham Catchpole, Richard Stubbings, Colin Hill, Jack Walmsley, Phil Dennington, Gillian Birrell, Daniel Smith, Jeff Harris, Ash Lever, Stevie Bubb and Brian Woodruff.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 2

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Jennie Robinson, Peggy McGregor and Nathalie Chidley. Nick Johnson was not present

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 3rd May 2022

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4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th May 2022

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6. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022

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7. To receive the draft minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2022

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8. To consider repairs to the gates at the end of The Avenue

Chair noted that, subsequent to the Secretary's report, East Suffolk Norse had accepted responsibility for the damage to the gates. Councillors discussed the need therefore to have any insurance-funded repair carried out separate to and in advance of any works to repair the whole structure. Cllr Stubbings therefore proposed that any insurance-funded repair be carried out separate to and in advance of any works to repair the whole structure, and that a temporary bollard be installed to prevent vehicular access. This was seconded by Cllr Bubb, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED That any insurance-funded repair be carried out separate to and in advance of any works to repair the whole structure, and that a temporary bollard be installed to prevent vehicular access.

9. To consider offering support as landlord to the Cricket Club's request to East Suffolk Council for a lease on the cricket square and outfield

Councillors asked the Secretary to obtain more information on the Cricket Club's plans for the site, and they agreed to defer this item pending this further information.

10. To consider a proposal from Beccles Golf Club to allow shooting of rabbits on the Common

Following a discussion, Cllr Harris proposed that permission to allow shooting of rabbits on the Common be declined. This was seconded by Cllr Stubbings, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To decline permission for shooting of rabbits on the Common.

11. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for April

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agree the payment schedules for May 2022.

12. Any Other Business

Chair referred to the email received on the day of the meeting from East Suffolk Council concerning the Play Park on the Common, which had been circulated to councillors earlier that day. He proposed that the request from East Suffolk to permit Norse to remove unserviceable equipment be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Stubbings, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED to permit Norse to remove unserviceable equipment from the Common Play Park.

Chair further proposed that authorisation be given for the Trust to commence discussions with East Suffolk Council on the future of the Play Park. Cllr Catchpole proposed an amendment to add the words 'and to look for a financial contribution from East Suffolk Council, if the Trust takes over responsibility for the Play Park'. The amendment was seconded by Cllr Hill and accepted by the Chair, and the amended proposal was seconded by Cllr Hill. A vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED to authorise for the Trust to commence discussions with East Suffolk Council on the future of the Play Park and to look for a financial contribution from East Suffolk Council, if the Trust takes over responsibility for the Play Park'.

13. Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th July 2022 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 5th July 2022 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

14. To approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022

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15. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th May 2022

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Meeting closed at 8.47pm.