

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

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

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gillian Birrell and Peggy McGregor.

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 4th October 2022

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There was none.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022.

6. To receive the draft minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022

RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the Development, Commerce &

Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

7. To receive an update from the Sports & Social Club extension and Parking Working Party

Chair noted that the Working Party had met on 26th October and that the meeting had discussed options following the recent walk round. He reported that the meeting had asked Deputy Secretary to approach East Suffolk Council about what their plans are for the use of the garages at east end of Goose Green East, as demolition would improve access to the land adjoining the tennis club. He also noted that changing the parking alongside Ken Markland Way from parallel to the road to perpendicular to the road would create up to twenty additional spaces. Finally, he reported that there is also the potential for freeing up some additional land currently leased from the Trust by a tenant.

8. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for October

RESOLVED To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for October 2022.

Councillors noted their thanks to Townlands Trust for their donation of £10,000 towards the cost of repairing the Avenue gates.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Stubbings reported that a topographical survey of the rugby pitch and some drains had been carried out on the day of the meeting. Verbal feedback from the contractor was that the pitch itself is not level and that the height varies from 1m above Mean Sea Level to parts that are 7cm below mean sea level (MSL). The culverts under the A146 downstream were 69cm below MSL. This means that if we dredge and dig the ditches to 50cm below sea level it should help drain the pitches. However, they believe that there is a blockage in the length that is holding the water back.

Cllr Stubbings noted that he and Secretary will be meeting WMA on 2nd November and he requested that authority be given to Secretary to agree a contract with WMA to complete necessary work on the culverts, up to a maximum of £5,000. Cllr Harris proposed that this delegated approval be given to the Secretary. This was seconded by Cllr Walmsley, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To give the Secretary delegated authority to agree a contract with WMA for work on culverts up to a maximum of £5,000.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th December 2022 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday

6th December 2022 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

11. **To approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022**

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12. **To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022**

RESOLVED to receive the draft confidential minutes of the Development, Commerce & Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

13. **To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022**

RESOLVED to receive the draft confidential minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.