

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT TOWN HALL

Present

Councillors: Barry Darch (Chair), Peggy McGregor, Nathalie Chidley, Richard Stubbings, Colin Hill, Jack Walmsley, Stevie Bubb, Brian Woodruff, Jeff Harris, Ash Lever and Phil Dennington.

In Attendance: Paul Cunningham (Secretary)

Members of the Public: 3

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gillian Birrell, Jennie Robinson, Daniel Smith and Graham Catchpole.

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 6th September 2022

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 6, Common car park resurfacing: Cllr Stubbings asked if this work had commenced, and Secretary reported that the Deputy Secretary is negotiating with the contractor to arrange a start date.

5. To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Estates Committee meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022

Cllr Stubbings reported that the Committee had discussed the WMA report recommendations and that they had agreed to further investigation before proceeding with any works to resolve the issue of the stagnant drain crossing the Avenue. This is because the committee were aware that some past work done on the dyke system had been well-meaning but wrong and they were therefore keen to ensure that any work undertaken did not have unforeseen consequences in other parts of the dyke system.

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meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022.

6. To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022

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7. To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedules for September

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8. Any Other Business

The only item was a confidential one – see additional item below.

9. Date of next meeting Tuesday 1st November 2022 following the Town Council meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 1st November 2022 in Council Chamber at Town Hall.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10. To approve the confidential minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022

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11. To receive the draft confidential minutes of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022

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12. To consider quotes for the repair of the gates at The Avenue

Chair suggested that he be authorised to make a grant application to Townlands Trust for a grant of £10,000 towards the cost and this was agreed. Cllr Stubbings suggested that an application also be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and he agreed to work with Secretary on this application, and this was agreed.

Councillors discussed the two Quotations and they asked the Secretary to obtain more information about one of the contractors. Chair proposed that the Secretary be given authority to decide on which contractor, dependent on the additional information above. This was seconded by Cllr Chidley, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To delegate authority to Secretary to decide on which contractor to appoint, based on the additional information concerning one of the contractors.

13. Any other confidential business

Secretary reported the response from the Sailing Club concerning their proposed lease. Councillors discussed this and Cllr Stubbings proposed revised terms and these were agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Harris, a vote was taken which was in favour and therefore it was resolved to agree the revised terms.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm.