

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 28th August 2019 (19:00 hrs)

Location: Carlton Scroop Village Hall

1. **Present:** Karen Barrett (KB): Louise Burn (LB): Neil Gray (NG): Tom Williams (TW): John Somerville (JS): Andy Newton (AN).
2. **Apologies:** John Cairns (JC): Rachael Seng (RS): Peter Hall (PH)
3. **Approval of Minutes):** Deferred
4. **Progress reports:**

PH sent a note to confirm that he will replace the dog fouling notices when required. **AN** confirmed that via Ancaster Parish Council (APC) it is possible to obtain authorised permanent signs.

He will apply to get some and they can be put onto the new fencing, when erected. **AN**
JS Confirmed that an approach to the body which succeeded the Parochial Council has been made to appoint a representative on the committee. No response has yet been received.

AN Confirmed that the Village Hall Committee can have a space on the APC website to assist with distributing the minutes of meetings or publishing announcements/notices. In addition, subject to appropriate notice, the distribution of fliers etc can be managed by inclusion within the 'Around Ancaster' magazine.

JS confirmed the committee's thanks for this. He noted that caution will need to be maintained to ensure that the Village Hall maintains a cooperative relationship with APC whilst ensuring that it is visibly independent.

AN Confirmed that APC are happy for the Sudbrook notice board to be relocated to the Village Hall site and to be used for the display of Village Hall notices etc. He confirmed that he would renovate the notice cabinet and it can be mounted onto one of the new fence-posts.

5. **Financial Matters:**

NG Confirmed that he has progressed issues with the Village Hall bank account. It is now fully under our control. The balance is now £2116.74.

Having re-activated the account, Lloyds notified him that they were going to suspend the account due to lack of activity. To resolve this **NG** paid in £250 of his own money and then withdrew it to demonstrate activity. He specifically requested this action be recorded within the minutes for the record, and in explanation.

JS confirmed that the committee all wish to express their gratitude for the speed and efficiency with which **NG** has resolved the non-conformance issues with the Charity Commission and with the bank account. All agreed.

6. **Maintenance and Insurance of the site:**

JS Confirmed that he has made an application to the Parish Council for resumption of the mowing service to the village hall site. **AN** has progressed this with the chairman of APC and has received a favourable response. The issue will be raised in the next APC meeting (in September)

It is hoped that materials can be sourced to re-fence the Village Hall site. At the last meeting **RS** confirmed that she had made some progress on this issue and we look forward to an update from her at the next meeting.

RS

7. **Village Picnic/Tea-Party:**

It was recognised that clash with the date of the Ancaster Fete and problems with publicising the event make it prudent to postpone/cancel the event.

It was proposed that a Christmas carols event should be arranged to take place on 21st December at 17:00Hrs.

JS confirmed the thoughts and best wishes of all to RS over the recent spate of difficulties she has experienced.

8. **Change to Area of Benefit and Revision to Charitable Aims:**

- The change to the Area of Benefit is proposed to ensure that the two villages originally intended to benefit have sole control of the trust.
- The original charitable aims no longer remain fully viable. It is proposed that these be formally amended to the closest, sustainable reflection of the original intent.

It was agreed that the area of benefit should be amended first, so that the two villages have the greatest influence over the revised use of the site/charitable aims.

AN stated the importance of the revised use/charitable aims to be democratically determined – This was confirmed by all to be the Committee's intention.

To progress the application for a change in the area of benefit JS will produce a draft of a letter to the Charity Commission for review at the next meeting. **JS**

9. **Next Meeting): 30/09/19 AT Carlton Scroop Village Hall.**