

## BARNINGHAM PARISH MEETING: ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 7.30 pm

1. Present: J Smith (Chairman), R Brooks (Clerk), P Hunt (Treasurer), G Carter, C Gale, S Godfrey, J Hay, S Hay, M Hockham, L Hunt, F Killeen, E Milbank, M Peach, M Stead, J Wrigley

Apologies: GA Brooks, S Catton, M McBarron, N Milbank, A Orton

2. Minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 24 April 2018 were approved (proposed John Hay, seconded Margaret Stead); and the minutes of the Special Meeting of 27 November were also approved (proposed Fiona Killeen, seconded Janet Wrigley). There were no matters arising from either meeting.

3. Parish Meeting accounts and let of the Bull Acre

The Treasurer presented and explained the accounts for 2018/19.

He pointed out that the rent for the Bull Acre was outstanding, following the death of the tenant, Ken Brown, but he had not felt it appropriate to pursue this with Mr Brown's estate. This, together with previously unforeseen expenditure, including on a new gate for the Bull Acre, refurbishment of the defibrillator and painting of the bus shelter and seat on the moor, had resulted in a deficit of some £310. Without unforeseen expenditure in the forthcoming year the reserve should be restored to surplus.

Mike Peach suggested that the name of the auditor be given in future accounts.

It was agreed (proposed Mike Peach, seconded John Hay) that the Treasurer's action in not pursuing the Bull Acre debt be endorsed. The Governance Statement 2018/9 was approved (proposed Ed Milbank, seconded Margaret Stead). The Treasurer submitted a risk assessment, explained the need for it and emphasised that overall risks associated with the Meeting were low. The assessment was approved ((proposed Ed Milbank, seconded John Hay)

The Clerk said that two tenders had been received for the Bull Acre, one after the tender deadline. Discussion followed on whether both should be opened and Ed Milbank proposed, and Malcolm Hockham seconded, that the tender received out of time be not opened; this was carried with 12 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was agreed that in future it should be made clear that the tenderer should be asked to specify the intended use of the land and that any tenders received after the deadline would be returned unopened.

4. Mowing and management of the Village Green

Fiona Killeen expressed concern that the Green had not been mown before the Easter treasure hunt and sports day. The Chairman suggested that any such requirements be put to Mick Maddrell in future and Ed Milbank suggested that the families involved might get together beforehand and mow the sports area.

5. BRINEC accounts

John Hay reported on the BRINEC balance sheet for 2018, explained the remit and governance of the charity and said that the family of the late Ken Brown had asked to continue his tenancy of BRINEC land. The charity's remit meant that most of its grants had been made for education reasons though assistance had also been given to Barningham Bears and the Cricket Club; all applications would be considered on their merits.

It was agreed (Mike Peach proposed, Liz Hunt seconded) that Phil Hunt be re-appointed as the Parish Meeting representative on the management committee.

6. Permissive access to the moor for trail riders

Ed Milbank submitted a report on problems caused on Barningham Moor by trail riders. He explained that the Trail Riders' Federation (TRF) were confident that if they were to challenge the status of the bridleway over the Moor they could secure its re-designation as a Bridleway Open to All Traffic, enabling trail riders to use it legally. He felt that it was important to secure the TRF's co-operation, both to have them "police" the activities of non-members and to be able to apply conditions to access. There had also been complaints about trail riders on Low Lane and TRF involvement would enable this to be controlled too.

The Meeting agreed to support the proposal to take a permissive approach to use of the bridleway, starting with access for riders one day per week, possibly mid-week.

7. Defibrillator training

It was agreed that this be arranged.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

The Meeting expressed itself happy for Ann Orton to continue in her role as Co-ordinator. John Hay drew attention to the information on local crime that could be obtained from the police on-line.

9. Election of Officers

It was agreed (proposed Mike Peach, seconded Greta Carter) that the existing officers be re-elected.

The meeting concluded at 8.46 pm