

HBLT Meeting Minutes

Monday 26 April 2021

In the Orchard

Attendees

Jill Hooper
Yvonne Skaith
Adrian Smith
Rob Chapman
Lesley Blundy

1. There were no apologies, or conflicts of interest arising
2. Minutes of the last meeting 13 July 2020 were reviewed and accepted as a true representation of the Meeting. Matters arising None.
3. HBLT responsibilities
 - a. Defibrillator and flowers – Jill advised that the defib pads have been changed and a spare set are now kept in the defib bag. All agreed that we should continue with the flowers round the village and a budget of £100 was discussed, however it agreed that Jill should review the current planters etc and submit a proposal of costs should anything new be required. We will then review and vote on a budget.
 - b. Blacksmith shop, no further update on flood wardens to take over responsibility for the kit items. Building maintenance, the leak in the roof was discussed and Rob agreed to get a quote from Richard Edlin. (£150 plus vat). The addition of a rain board for the door was discussed and a possible sign for outside once we've had a clean and tidy later in the year, to be proposed at the next meeting. Jill and Yvonne agreed to obtain copies of old photos of Holme village life to display in the BS shop. The loaning of items was discussed and it was felt that this would encourage larger gatherings which is not possible under current covid restrictions, so we will not be loaning until restrictions are lifted.
 - c. Orchard upkeep, all agreed that the hedge needs a professional cut. Jill had a quote of £200 but this has now gone up to £300 for a cut and clear. Further quotes are required. Grass cutting, Jill has obtained a quote of £50 per cut which all felt was expensive. We discussed Tom Blundy cutting the grass on a monthly basis, but Lesley raised concern over conflict of interest. A vote was taken without Lesley and all agreed that it was acceptable, Tom to be paid £10 per cut as required plus £5 to his dad for fuel and wear and tear on the mower. Replacement fruit trees are out of stock until the autumn, Lesley agreed to put an order in when possible. No events are planned for this year.
 - d. Financial update, Adrian advised that both tenants have paid. The current Account has £6900 in and interest rates on funds is very low (0.05%). Adrian is currently working on the end of year accounts. We discussed a potential land opportunity, all agreed that we should explore further before making any decisions.
 - e. Land update – no further visits have been made to Star Fen, but Lesley will have an opportunity during the course of May.
 - f. Charity commission, following Patricia Richards unfounded complaint to the Charity commission, there has been no further contact.
 - g. Village website, Adrian discussed recent communications with the editor of the Focal point over reference to our website.

4. AOB

Rob raised concerns over the state of Langford Lane with potholes and also drivers speeding within the village. All agreed that a reduction in speed limit to 20 would be good but that it was not something we as trustees could do anything about. Lesley agreed to raise our concerns with the Parish Chairman.