

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL AS TRUSTEE FOR DULCOTE RECREATION GROUND HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 23RD AUGUST 2021, 7PM

Present: Cllrs J Baker; P Cannon; M Cooke; E Danson; P Foster; T Hathway; M Hayden; I Humphreys; G Pettitt; J Reeves; C Wride.

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public; Ms Michele Exton (Administrator / Parish Clerk); Mrs Lisa Pool (Deputy Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllr M Mitchell.

Resolved: To approve the reasons given for Members absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Clerk reminded Trustees that as they are also the Parish Councillors, any decisions they make at Board of Trustees' meetings, must be made in the best interests of the charity and not the Council. All Trustees declared a PERSONAL interest as Parish Councillors.

3. Exclusion of the Public from Item 6

Resolved: To exclude the Public from item 6 for reasons of commercial sensitivity.

4. Approval and Actions of Minutes 8th February 2021

The Clerk reported on the following actions from the minutes 8th February 2021:

1. Increasing residents' use of the recreation ground. See item 7.
2. Registry of the land is to be investigated. Not actioned as yet.
3. Cllr Humphreys is continuing to investigate the installation of a drinking fountain.

Resolved: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on 8th February 2021.

5. Administration

The Clerk reported that she had updated the Council's details (change of email) and completed and submitted the Charity Commission's Annual Return for 2020 on 4th August 2021.

6. Maintenance

The Deputy Clerk had provided a written report on maintenance issues up to August 2021 and informed Members that the independent play area inspections and tree survey were scheduled for September. The monthly play area inspections are now being carried out by a new contractor and Cllr Cooke informally inspects the play area weekly. The delay in the return of the "T for 2" swing is due to the repairer waiting for play equipment certification.

Resolved: To accept the Deputy Clerk's maintenance report up to August 2021.

7. Encouraging Residents' Use of the Recreation Ground

The Clerk informed Members that emails had been sent to Resident contacts to onpass the invitation to other Residents to attend tonight's meeting. Following on from the last Board meeting, the Clerk had put up posters in the village, emailed Residents and along with some of the Board, had a meeting with some Residents on 22nd June to consult with

them for ideas to increase Residents' use of the recreation ground. Following on from that meeting, the Clerk had drafted an initial paper survey that the Deputy Clerk is refining and adapting to also go on the Council's website. Cllr Cooke had spoken to users when on his informal inspections and had found that many of these users were from Dinder and Croscombe. The Resident who attended confirmed that the play area is well used, often by people outside of the village who have cycled to it. Holding a daytime Halloween event was discussed and due to the short timescale, a fancy dress parade between 2pm – 4pm on Sunday 31st October was thought to be the most achievable event with the best costumes being judged at 3.30pm. The possibility of a wildlife talk on owls, catering, live music under a gazebo (to be organised by Cllr Cannon), prizes for fancy dress, car parking and Residents' involvement/lead in the organisation via a working party were considered. The Resident suggested advertising the event in Dinder, Shepton Mallet, local playgroups and schools. Another suggestion was that advertising in the local monthly "Roundabout" magazine would be most effective as it would target every household. Before any further action, the Deputy Clerk will send an email to Mr Costley-White to circulate to Residents to find out if they would support the event.

Resolved: To seek Residents' views on holding a Halloween fancy dress parade.

Resolved: To award £50 as the first prize, £25 as the second prize and £15 for the third prize at the Halloween fancy dress parade.

8. Public Speaking Time

The Member of the Public who attended spoke on item 07.

9. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7th February 2022 – venue to be advised.