

Minutes of BARHOLM WITH STOWE AGM and Parish Meeting held at the Parish Church, Barholm, on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 8pm.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Kelham Cook, Chris and Julie Whitcombe, Paula Wraith
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The Chairman presented the minutes of the previous AGM and they were accepted – Proposed – Trish Hetherington, Seconded Jonno O’Shea
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters arising
4. **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**
The accounts were circulated.
Points made by the Chairman:
 - Strong cash position at £1679
 - No precept received in this year
 - Limited forthcoming expenses, except a small amount for the memorial fieldThe accounts were accepted: Proposed – Lizzy Young, Seconded – David Hetherington
5. **FORMAL APPROVAL OF AGAR SUBMISSION**
The chairman presented an explanation of the following submissions:
 - Accounting statements
 - Annual Governance Statement
 - Certificate of ExemptionThese were accepted by the meeting: Proposer – Jonno O’Shea, Seconder – Mark Brittain
6. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
The Chairman gave a verbal report with the following main points:
 - Lack of village activity in the 20/21 year due to COVID
 - Precept remaining at zero, as a result of low activity
 - Significant emotive discussions around tree felling application during year
 - The village must remain as one, and not become divided over these contentious issues
 - Post the COVID disruption we must as a village make an effort to have a village events at suitable intervals to continue bringing the village together
7. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
With no other volunteers coming forward, it was asked if David Brown could stand for a second year; which he accepted, as long as the workload remained at current levels, as there is currently no secretarial support.
Proposed - Chris Harris Seconded – Rosemary Trollope-Bellew
- 8/ **AOB**
The Chairman thanked Rosemary for her help in preparing the accounts.

Meeting closed 20.12

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW 2019/20

Opening balance in the account £1303, and closing balance in account £1765

Expenditure – £280 grass cutting, £250 village cleaning/planting, £161 insurance
Income - £300 precept, SKDC cleaning grant £850

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was suggested by the current chairman, that a new chair would be good for the village. David Brown agreed to take on the position and he was proposed by – Emma Freeman and seconded by Sue Lee.

Thanks were given by Rosemary for the efforts of David Hetherington over the significant number of years he has been chairman; and also for the support he has had from Trish with the paperwork

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No amendments –

Proposed by Rosemary Trollope Bellew; Seconded by Jonathan Young

6. MATTERS ARISING – not covered later

- a. Hereward homes had agreed to look to see if they can repair the path both by the new development and out of the village to the last house. DB has written to Hereward to follow up - Action DB
- b. The group of people who volunteered to be in the village event committee have yet to meet. DB agreed to pull all parties together at a suitable time post COVID to discuss possible events.
- c. Planters for below the village signs were to be costed – both for wooden or for a painted cattle trough – Action DB/CH
- d. A key box with a code beside the defibrillator is to be put up. Code to be given to NHS; and circulated to village individuals and be held within the pub.
- e. Hedge replacement at the bottom of memorial field needs to be costed and planned – Action Chris Harris/DB

7. VILLAGE ASSETS

The discussions continued with regard the possible assets that the village may want assistance with from the developers (Hereward Homes) of the grainstore conversion

1. Large planter at Barholm sign still and option – to be costed.
2. A new goal post for the field – Hereward homes have completed this; and have been thanked. It was suggested that a photo near the goals for the local paper with Hereward would be a good suggestion. Action DB
3. Pathway repair is still the preferred option

8. HIGHWAYS

DB has completed the village survey on potholes and repairs, with photos and submitted to SKDC. No other specific items of highways were raised.

9. MEMORIAL FIELD ISSUES

Disturbances occurred on Fri 24th at 9.30pm with individuals using the field, getting drunk, being very loud, urinating on adjacent field and taunting animals in adjoining property; and were threatening to residents

The following actions were agreed:

- If this occurred again, information and photos should be taken of the incident occurring
- The field was to be temporarily closed by taping off; to discourage inappropriate use, and hopefully could be reopened in 2 weeks
- Residents who experience issues should immediately ask for support via the village WhatsApp group
- Further steps, such as a gate on the field can get considered if issues continue

10.AOB

- a) Fly-tipping was discussed and the possibility of getting a camera to take photos of fly-tippers. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation and see if a common tipping point occurred post COVID, prior to buying cameras.
- b) Chris Harris proposed the idea of putting some daffodil bulbs in the verge areas around the village. Rosemary would liaise with Chris to agree locations and apply for the necessary licence from SKDC at a cost of £40.
- c) A litter pick would be proposed on a weekend morning in Oct or Nov
- d) Rosemary advised of a new website, that could be managed direct by the chairman. She also raised the need for a village email address – action DB

The new Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20:54