

THURLASTON POOR'S PLOT CHARITY

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Chairman: Mr Roland Robinson, Field Cottage Farm, Church Lane, Thurlaston, Rugby CV23 9JY

MINUTES

MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019 at 7pm at Thurlaston Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mr R Robinson - Chairman, Ms Selina Larque, Mrs P Irish. Clerk.

One member of the public.

1. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR: R Robinson was proposed by S Larque, seconded by P Irish and unanimously approved as Chairman for 2019.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Apologies had been received from ex-officio trustee Rev Patricia Townshend, Vicar of St Peters Church Dunchurch; Dr Sheena Ashford.
3. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATED TRUSTEES There are two vacant positions for Parish Council nominated trustees. RR to speak to Mr Cooper to ask for a representative from the Church to stand. **RR to speak to Mr Cooper and let Clerk know.**
4. MINUTES of the meeting of Monday 24th September 2018 were proposed for approval by R Robinson, seconded by P Irish and signed as a correct record.
5. MATTERS ARISING
 - a) P Irish to advertise the two vacancies for trustees on the Village Forum. **P Irish.**
 - b) P Irish has deposited old records at the Records Office. Receipt given to the Secretary to file.
 - c) The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm. S Larque agreed to read a report on Thurlaston Poorsplot, or if she is unable to attend the Chair will be asked to read the written report. The Secretary to produce a report and circulate to all trustees for confirmation prior to the Annual Village Meeting.
 - d) Keith Boardman is updating the Website on behalf of the Parish Council and has asked the Secretary to put together some information about the Charity. This to be circulated to all trustees for their approval. **CC**
6. ALLOTMENTS
 - a) No upgrades were felt to be necessary to the allotments at present.
 - b) Mr Robinson agreed to check whether any of the allotment hedge tree whips have failed. The clerk reported that she could order more from the Woodland trust if needed.
 - c) It was **resolved** to leave the rent at £10 per strip for 2019. Clerk to send out invoices.
 - d) Steve and Tracy Childs have agreed to take over The Hennings allotment.
7. FARM LAND
 - a) It was noted that the rent has been increased from 1 March 2018 to £100 per acre for year and the current tenants have paid the new rate. Since the land is let under an Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 tenancy, it is not legal to further increased the rent to £150 per acre from 1 March 2019. Rents may only be increased at 3 yearly intervals prior to giving a years notice of intent). Current tenants have been advised that they will be

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given one year's advance notice of a rent increase in March 2020 and the rent will be increased in line with the then current rate.

It was noted that the land is top grade arable land.

8. FINANCE

a) At 31.12.18 Thurlaston Poorsplot Charity balance is £38,170.82+

The financial statement was approved.

b) Bob Hobday (01788 815064) to be asked to carry out an independent audit of the books.

c) Invoices for payment were approved as listed:-

Payee	Cheq No	Description	£
Catherine Camp	0215	Honorarium + Expenses	£300 + £ 18.53= £ 318.53
CAF Bank		Annual fee £5 per mth.	

d) Selina Larque agreed to become a signatory on the Bank Account. The Clerk to arrange for Ms C Garside/Salmons to be removed and Sheena Ashford and Selina Larque and Paula Irish to be added as signatories.

e) The trustees confirmed that they are happy for the Insurance to be renewed with NFU Mutual in July 2019.

9. GRANTS

a) There were no requests for grants.

b) Mrs Paula Irish agreed to continue to put up notices in the Parish Notice Board. Procedure for applying for a grant to be advertised on notice board, in Newsletter (June & Nov) and at Annual Parish Meeting and on the village forum. **Action: PI**

c) An email had been received suggesting help could be given to an Elderly village couple. It was noted that the family had already been contacted and encouraged to let the trustees know if any assistance could be provided.

10. ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

Projects to improve facilities in Thurlaston were discussed and felt to be unfeasible.

Date of next meeting was agreed as **Monday 23rd September 2019** at 7pm in Thurlaston Village Hall. *Meeting closed at 20.00*

PLEASE NOTE while every attempt is made to ensure the accuracy of these minutes they are still subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Trustees and as such cannot be construed as the official record of this meeting until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

SignedCHAIRMAN

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