

Withernwick Village Charity Trustees Meeting held on 10th March 2025. Started 6pm finished 7:10pm

Trustees present :- L Graham, K Brown, M Mann, E Sherman, C Wrightson, C Wilkie

Apologies :- N Harvey, J Ashton, C Whitton

Registered friend invited for more information on Celebration of Spring :- E Whittaker

Minutes

1. Minutes of 24th February agreed to be a true account.
2. Falconry - ChW said they were pressing her for a yeah or nah as they have had other people wanting to book that day. A discussion took place and all agreed for ChW to go ahead and book it at £550 + VAT. ChW said that they will send her out a form and will need a deposit of aprox 20% of the full cost.
3. Off road car parking for the Medieval day. Adam Fell very kindly offered to keep some space free in the field that runs from the boat yard to his farm along Aldborough Road which has double gates and is nearer to the playing field / burial ground than the field LG & CaW originally asked him about. LG & CaW will go and ask Mr McKinder about his field for the horseback jousting, archers and re-enactment etc on Wednesday afternoon.
4. EW was invited to join the meeting. EW said she wanted to link this event to the Medieval day and enquired at Abadabbba who do circus skills which would cost £400. 2 crowns for 2 sovereigns (a boy & girl) at aprox £7 each, applying for funding for a bus to get the school children & parents to the village and home again. She plans to ask D Sutcliffe if she would attend as a green man and a discussion took place over this and the proviso was that she is not scary enough to scare the children even though a green man is scary! A generator for refreshments, music etc, face painting, she is currently looking into demos of wood carving, cob making and locating someone who does wild flower arranging. A lively discussion took place about everyone wearing medieval type costumes such as a jesters outfit which are available at £13 - £30. EW had spoken to Mike about a Maypole. LG mentioned thinking outside the box by, for example, using a 15' white drainpipe with jubilee clips holding the 24 Maypole braids and MS just making a very wide and sturdy frame for it to stand in. Windfarm funded so a budget of £1,500 was agreed.
5. LG said that she intended to print off a new copy of the trust deed which the new trustees could sign for the funding applications that KB needs. KB said that the signed copy she has is sufficient. LG said that her print heads were blocked and the cleaning process uses a lot of ink so she may have to invoice the charity for ink before long. This led to a discussion on computers and CW said that she will have to buy a new one as her current one is extinct and very expensive to repair. LG & MM said that CaW should not having to pay out of her own money for a computer that she only uses for charity business (accounts). EW explained about the funding and schemes available for obtaining refurbished Microsoft computers that are almost new. This will be an agenda item in the near future.
6. LG suggested that the charity opens up a FB group of ourselves and other local charities, groups and associations and invite other village groups etc to join too where we can network with each other, share event posters, information etc. KB said that not everyone was on FB. EW & ChW said they could expand it to twitter, tiktok and those other online social media sites. A discussion took place and it was agreed to go ahead with this.
7. As NH had sent her apologies for tonight's trustee meeting 6 days ago, LG said she had tagged NH in a message, so that she would get a notification on Sunday afternoon, asking if NH had logged into the online banking and requested a reader for MS and added KB & CaW to the account as LG had asked her to do as in the minutes from two weeks ago at the last trustees meeting. She went onto say in her message that MS had still not received is code reader when asked about it on Wednesday. LG has had no response from NH. LG went onto say that although NH works a lot of hours, so does ChW, ES and EW and they each find the time to do the things they agree to do, and went onto point out that it was only last week when an up-to-date bank statement was produced for CaW to do the balance sheet for the annual return and KB as needed for the funding application when LG had been asking for this information since the merger meeting in October, five months ago. A lengthy discussion took place which included responsibilities as a treasurer, only NH having access to the bank account etc etc which is all against Charity Commission rules and is written into our own rules too and is a safeguarding issue for the charity which affects all trustees and friends. CaW wasn't happy as she didn't want NH to think we didn't appreciate everything she has done in the past. All agreed that NH had worked hard in the past but also agreed that this banking situation can not continue when money is going to be needed very soon to pay for deposits etc and also that there has been plenty of time to sort out the bank situation since October. Opening a new bank account was discussed at length. LG called for a vote of trustees present on opening a new on line bank account. All six trustees present of the total of eight trustees registered with the Charity Commission voted for opening a new bank account. (LG still needs CW details so he's not registered yet with the Charity Commission) It was agreed that KB and CaW would open an account with the co op which carries no charges for anything, then add NH at a later date if she wanted to continue in her role as a treasurer. When a new account has been opened, NH can then just transfer the balance of £3,398.27 over to the new account.