

THE GREEN CHARITY BARRINGTON

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Village Hall on May 10 2006

Present: Councillors Day, Fletcher, Hardman, Priddle and Tookey (Chairman)
Curator of the Green: Brian Northrop
County Cllr Kindersley; District Cllr Bryant
18 Members of the public

The Meeting opened at 8.45 pm.

1 **Apologies for absence** : Cllr Cook.

2 **Chairman of the Trustee: Review of the year**

The Chairman's Report for 2005-2006 had been circulated to all residents in advance of the Meeting.

The Trustee met 8 times over the year and published extracts from these meetings in the Newsletter. The Green has been used for a variety of activities for example car boot organised by the Cricket Club; vintage tractor rally; open gardens parking; fair; vintage car rally etc as well as cricket and football during their relevant seasons.

The Trustee also grants permission for storage of materials/parking when residents carry out building works and/or repairs where it is not possible for such storage to take place on their own property. Donations regarding this use are sought and received.

Over the year the Trustee:

- a) Initiated negotiations with the Charity Commissioners to extend the lease to the Parish Council to include the remainder of the informal recreation areas of the Green. Protracted communications continue
- b) Having been instrumental in the design of the questions relating to the Green in the Village Plan questionnaire, reviewed the Management Plan taking into account those responses
- c) Monitored the boundaries of the Green for encroachment
- d) Monitored the reinstatement of the Green following a series of water mains failures, near the Under 5s Play Area and 1 High Street, plus removal of bus stop at Glebe Road
- e) With the assistance of Melinda Appleby, Paul Cook and Brian Northrop mapped and named all but one of the tree varieties
- f) Repaired the pathway across Challis Green to the back of the School.

Permitted Way maintenance is extremely costly with prices rising each year. The Trustee continually assess the state of the Permitted Ways. Potholes are usually dealt with on an annual basis with surface dressing every four years. Recently a contract has been let for surface dressing five of the larger Permitted Ways on the Green.

Management of the Permitted Way Licence scheme and other leases is very time consuming but a vital part of the Charity's aims and objectives. Due to the "extended" life of the Parish Council for a further year, the Trustee has agreed to maintain the current £30.00 annual fee for the Permitted Way Licence for 2006-2007.

Thanks to Margaret Goding for her administration of the Charity, to Brian Northrop for his support and advice in his role as Curator, to the Woolgars for maintenance of the Village Sign area. Also to Mr Walden for cutting the grass around the War Memorial and to Mr Flowerdew and Mr King who have now taken on this role for us.

3 **Financial Report**

The Audited Accounts for 2004-2005 had been circulated to all residents in advance of the Meeting together with the draft Accounts for 2005-2006.

4 **Attendance record for 2005-2006 Trustee Meetings**

Paul Cook (7), Anne Day (8), Tony Fletcher (7), Judy Hardman (5), Julian Priddle (6), Malcolm Reeder (3), Valerie Tookey (8).

5 **Open forum for discussion**

In answer to a question concerning parking on the Green, Cllr Fletcher indicated that the Trustee was currently looking at major changes including the possible installation of parking areas. It was recorded that most of the damage to the Green was caused by the refuse collection lorries.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.