

# THE GREEN CHARITY BARRINGTON

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Village Hall on May 3 2016

**Present:** Cllrs Fletcher (Chairman), Alderton, Day, Fesco, Gardiner, Hatton, McCormick, Potter, Rhodes-Kemp, together with 27 members of the public

The Meeting opened following the Parish Council Meeting.

**1 Apologies for absence** : None received.

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

The Chairman recorded that the Trustee had held six formal meetings during the year. Most of its activities were related to the maintenance, appearance and preservation of the Green. The Green continued to be used for many different activities including village cricket and football.

Repair works to the Permitted Way roadways had been carried out during the year, costing £6,916. The amount of repair work required each year depended upon the general wear and tear as well as winter conditions. Only Permitted Way Fees are available for these repairs. The Chairman thanked John Cobb & Sons for the high standard of their work. Other works to the Green boundaries and repairing vehicle damage had cost an additional £4,600.

Following the Parish Council elections in May 2015, a new Trustee had been formed. Based upon advice from the District Auditor new fee levels had been established for the period September 2015 - August 2019. A study into variable fee levels as a consequence of different distances of roadway used for access was abandoned as it proved too complex.

Heslerton Green area grass was now cut by the Parish Council as part of the Green grass cutting programme, but any other remedial work will continue as required.

The Green Charity provided four flower beds on the Green and the verge at the corner of Glebe Road to enhance the area. Councillor Potter and volunteers would be maintaining them. The cost of the beds and the plants during the year had been £2,144. This project would receive ongoing support during the year from the Green Charity.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2014-2015 and the now Audited Accounts for the year 2015-2016. The Trustee thanked Simon Lake for auditing these accounts so promptly.

The Chairman thanked the Trustee together with Monty Goding, Ken Stapleton, John Watson and Brian Parkes for all their hard and voluntary work at West Green, and Justin Willmott. Councillor Fletcher closed his report by thanking Margaret Goding, the Clerk to the Trustee, for her support and for her efforts to preserve the Green.

### **3 Financial Report**

The Annual Accounts 01.04.14 - 31.03.15 as accepted by the Charity Commission had been circulated to all households in advance of the Meeting, together with the Draft Accounts 01.04.15 – 31.03.16. The Chairman explained that the audit for 2015 - 2016 had now been completed and that the Accounts were now officially audited.

### **4 Attendance record for 2015 - 2016 Trustee Meetings (6)**

Carol Alderton (2); Anne Day (6); Sarah Fesco (3); Tony Fletcher (6);  
Harriet Gardiner (6); Judy Hardman (3); Scott Hatton (0); Hayley McCormick (3);  
Sheila Potter (5); Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp (6).  
Cllr Judy Hardman resigned in September 2015.  
Scott Hatton became a Trustee in November 2015.

### **5 Open discussion for residents**

Mrs Grant, 14 Challis Green, expressed her concerns about the timing of deliveries for the building works at Number 8, the large lorries being used for deliveries and their inability to cope with the width of the roadway. The Chairman and the Clerk expressed their regret that these matters had not been brought to their attention directly. The Clerk would address the issues raised immediately. The Chairman said that the development company had gone to great lengths to mitigate the problems associated with demolition and rebuild, and continued to do so. The Trustee were grateful for their support of the Green.

Jim Burton, Mill Lane, asked for clarification of the funds invested with the Cambridge Building Society. The Chairman said that this was the balance of the money received by the Green Charity from Cemex in respect of the exchange of land for Heselton Way. It was a reserve fund, intended to assist the Green Charity in the future for unexpected legal costs and damage to the Green and its roads. The Charity used to have a reserve investment, and the Cemex funds had provided this opportunity again.

The Chairman commented on the need for all the Green residents to have a sense of public responsibility and duty to the Green Charity with regard to the parking of vehicles on the Green. This was illegal, but for some properties unavoidable. There was general support from the Meeting against deliberate parking on the Green of cars for sale or visiting relatives.

In the general discussion that followed, the two issues concerning the narrowness of footpaths and the ongoing traffic problems would be covered by the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

**Signed**

Date **May 17 2016**