



THE TIPTOE GREEN TRUST

Minutes of the Tiptoe Green Trust Annual General Meeting,

Wednesday 9 November 2022, 7:30pm

Wootton & Bashley Social Club

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Present	
1.1	See Appendix 1.	
2.	Apologies	
2.1	See Appendix 1.	
3.	Minutes of last AGM (2019)	
3.1	Minutes of the 2019 AGM were circulated. It was agreed that as any issues arising from these had been addressed by the Trustees in the intervening years, there was no need to discuss them further.	
4.	Chairman's Report	
4.1	Pat Rendell expressed gratitude to the volunteers who continue to help manage the Green, and who stepped in to help with the last May Fayre following her accident. She also paid tribute to the late Pete Nash who had passed away in August, but who had done a great job with the mowing while he could. This task has now been taken over by Simon Wallenberg. Pat noted the two Fayres that have taken place since the end of the pandemic and other users of the Green including the Community Group and the Young Farmers. She also mentioned the small apiary that has been established in the wildlife area, and a report prepared recently by Bob Lord which had made a number of recommendations regarding enhancement of wildlife and wild flowers on the Green.	
5.	Treasurers' Report	
5.1	John Dowdeswell circulated a report of the Trust's accounts. There is a healthy balance of funds. John is in the process of seeking an alternative bank for the Trust's funds as the existing one no longer deals with charitable trusts.	

6.	Secretary's Report	
6.1	There was no Secretary's Report.	
7.	Website	
7.1	The ongoing lack of use of the website was noted. There had been a spike in use just before the May Fayre, but little since, and the contact email is never used. However, the website is now up-to-date, although it should also include the Tiptoe trust deed and the management plan. Mandy Hayes noted that it would be possible to create a QR code that would direct people to the website.	
7.2	<p>There was considerable debate about whether a website was needed, with queries about its purpose and who it was aimed at. It was noted that many more people use Facebook these days, and there was a strong view that this might serve the Trust's purposes better in some ways, although it was not a place for historic information. However it would be necessary for someone with knowledge of Facebook to set up and administer a site for the Trust. Mandy Hayes volunteered to do this.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The website would be retained for the time being, but its use would be kept under review; ii. Mandy Hayes would set up a Facebook page for the Trust which would be run in parallel with the website; iii. Mandy Hayes would set up a QR code which would direct people to the website and could be publicised on the Trust noticeboard and in other places. 	<p>Julia Norman Trustees</p> <p>Mandy Hayes</p>
8.	Work Plan	
8.1	The possibility was raised of setting up working groups with responsibility for specific areas of the Green. Noted that Steph Nash organises the work parties at present when time and resources allow. Reference was made to Bob Lord's report with some concerns being expressed about the extra work it might entail. Steph Nash said that the last work party had been more than usually efficient as she had been helped by Robin Moger and Simon Wallenberg who had organised various tasks. She made a request for more help with future work parties.	
8.2	Robin Moger wondered if the Trustees could prepare a schedule of what needs doing on the Green and publicise it through Tiptoe News, Facebook, notice boards, the website etc, perhaps asking people to focus on specific areas of the Green. Noted that there is an issue with availability of equipment.	
8.3	Mandy Hayes pointed out that there is a Management Plan for the Green, which could be reviewed in the light of Bob Lord's	

	recommendations, and which should in any event be updated regularly to provide a basis for future actions, including schedules of works to be carried out as noted in para. 8.2 above. She also noted that Bob Lord has some of the necessary tools and equipment and is prepared to come along and help.	
8.4	<p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Tiptoe Green Trustees would commence a review of the Tiptoe Green Management Plan at their next meeting; ii. Working party tasks will be organised accordingly; iii. Tiptoe News will be used to publicise working parties and management plan updates. 	Trustees
9.	Bob Lord's Report	
9.1	Discussed above. Agreed: Bob Lord's report should be placed on the website.	Julia Norman
10.	Future Election of Trustees	
10.1	<p>It was noted that because of the Covid pandemic, election of trustees had been delayed. Four of the nine places were now due for election/ re-election. Pat Rendell announced that she is standing down as chair but wishes to remain a trustee if elected. Robin Moger advised of his intention to step down from the trustees, which leaves one vacancy. Pat Rendell has forms for applying for trustees' places.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Trustees would discuss this further at a meeting early in 2023; ii. An Extraordinary General Meeting would be held in March 2023 for the purpose of electing the Trustees. 	Trustees
11.	Queen's Memorial Bench	
11.1	Pat Rendell had been approached by a member of the public suggesting that a memorial should be placed on the Green to commemorate the late Queen. The Trustees had concluded that this should comprise a bench seat with an inscription, and that this bench could replace the one that is rotting next to the entrance to the children's play area. David Baillie had made enquiries and come up with a couple of alternatives costing around £500 - £600. Noted that a replacement seat would be required anyway, and that the supplier would carve the inscription for no additional cost.	
11.2	There was debate about the merits of this suggestion as not all felt that such a memorial was necessary or appropriate. There was also debate about the design, with a majority favouring like-for-like	

	<p>replacement. It was put to the vote and by a clear majority it was:</p> <p>Agreed: a replacement bench of the same design as the existing benches should be placed next to the children's play area inscribed with the words, "Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022".</p>	David Baillie
12.	Annual Tiptoe Quiz	
12.1	Pat Rendell reported that Ian is prepared to run the quiz again, and that this will take place in February 2023 (precise date to be confirmed). It will be at the Wootton and Bashley Social Club.	
13.	Coronation Celebration	
13.1	Pat Rendell explained that the Trustees had agreed to a suggestion made by Sharon Wallenberg that a Coronation Celebration should be held on the Green on 6 May 2023, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Sharon is arranging food stalls (providing their own power and water), a bar and a band (Robin Moger offered to provide a power supply for that), also other facilities including WCs (noted that the latter might be retained in situ for the May Fayre the following weekend). This is not a fund-raising event but profits from the bar will be used to cover expenses, any remaining funds to be donated to the Green. This event is for local people and there is to be no entrance fee or ticketing. Parking will be on a first come first served basis and from the experience of the last May Fayre, there will need to be some help with organising this.	
14.	Any Other Business	
14.1	<p>Waste arisings from the last Work Party</p> <p>Steph Nash requested help with taking the sacks of trimmings from the last work party to the tip. There was a general discussion of ways in which these could be disposed of.</p>	
14.2	<p>Mountain Ash</p> <p>Steph Nash requested permission to replace the dead Mountain Ash with another in memory of Pete Nash.</p> <p>Agreed: Steph Nash would replace the Mountain Ash.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 8:50pm.	

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT TIPTOE GREEN TRUST AGM

9 NOVEMBER 2022

Pat Rendell (Chair))	
David Baillie)	
Robin Moger)	
John Dowdeswell)	
Stephanie Nash)	Trustees
David Horne)	
Valerie James)	
Simon Wallenberg)	
Julia Norman)	
Mandy Hayes		
Stephen Tarling		
Lynne Ansell		
Jim Hammet		
Beth Hammet		
Beverly Allin		
Anne Hilton		
Sharon Wallenberg		
Suzette Lang		
Charles Pledger		

APOLOGIES:

Cyril Rendell
Allen Carpenter
Sue Moger
Jon and Sue Linnin
Simon (Lang)