

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF BECCLES
TOWN HALL**

Present

Councillors: R Stubbings (Chairman), N Brooks, Mrs S Bubb, G Catchpole, G Elliott, N Elliott, J D Harris, Mrs M Haynes, R Kathuria, S Kenward, H Taylor, Mrs C Topping, J B Walmsley

Secretary: Mrs C Boyne, Town Clerk

Member of the Public: 2

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brambley-Crawshaw, Downes and Janney.

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 be approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5. To receive the minutes of the Assets and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017 and agree the following recommendations:-

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- i) To agree the revisions to the Allotment Rules regarding three months being given for plots to be worked, but that the time of year that the plot is taken on will be taken into consideration when making any decision regarding a notice to quit being issued*

Councillor Catchpole, chair of the Assets and Environment Committee, explained that the rules had been made tighter regarding new tenants not working their plots. The committee had included a clause which allowed the time of year that the plot was taken on to be considered prior to any action being taken.

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ii) **To agree the revised Marsh Tenancy Agreement, incorporating restrictions on the type, size and number of structures allowed on the marshes**

Councillor Catchpole explained that shipping container was currently being used as a stable. The change to the agreement only allows wooden structures, with a restriction on size and number.

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6. **To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 2017**

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7. **To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's Report and agree the payment schedule**

There was discussion regarding the replacement of the lock on the Common gate after it was stolen when a person delivering horses to Woodview Farm left the gate unlocked for 30 minutes. It was agreed that it is imperative to do everything possible to ensure that the Common remains secure, after the recent problem with travellers, and that all parties that used the gate and had access to the padlock combination had a responsibility to ensure that the gate remained secure. If the padlock went missing due to their or their suppliers' negligence, they would be asked to pay for a replacement.

It was agreed that the occupants of Woodview Farm should be asked to reimburse the trust for the stolen padlock.

RESOLVED To send a letter to all parties that use the Common gate and have access to the padlock combination informing them of their responsibility to ensure that the gate is secure at all times, and that they will be held responsible if the padlock is stolen due to their or their suppliers' negligence

8. **Any Other Business**

Councillor Catchpole had met with representatives from Network Rail who were keen to permanently close the vehicular access gate across the railway line on the northern entrance to the common for safety reasons. The pedestrian

access would remain open and would be improved. There were likely to be further discussion regarding compensation at the loss of the access if the gate was permanently closed. The historic gates may be retained.

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