

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BECCLES FENLAND CHARITY TRUST
ASSETS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 JULY
2020**

Present

Councillors: Mrs C Topping (Chair), G Birrell (Deputy Chair), Mrs S Bubb, J Robinson, C Wheeler

In Attendance: C Boyne, Secretary

Members of the Public: 0

1. To receive apologies for absence

There was an apology for absence from Councillor Lever.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest or any requests for the granting of dispensations in relation to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the Agenda

There were none.

3. To receive for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the Assets & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 13 July 2020

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4. To consider the details regarding allowing tables and chairs belonging to Paws 4 Tea to be placed on the Common and approve the draft agreement

The secretary reported that she had not received any details from the owners regarding the area to be used, number and type of tables and chairs etc. The advice from the solicitor was that this would be allowable, provided it was a temporary measure and there was some form of agreement in place, such as a licence.

Some committee members had walked around the Common and suggested an area in front of Woodview Farm that would be suitable. It was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should be responsible for the drawing up of the agreement as this was a legal document. The area would be covered by the owner's public liability insurance.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

To draw up an agreement for the placing of tables and chairs belonging to Paws 4 Tea on the Common, in the area indicated on the plan

G. Street
10/8/20

5. To consider the request for an Antiques Market to be held at Beccles Quay on 25 August 2020

The chair explained that the Antiques Market was usually held in the town centre, but to allow people to socially distance, the organisers were wanting to hold it at the Quay to provide more space. There would be a one way system in place, hand sanitisers available and the stalls would be socially distanced.

It was agreed that the toilets would need to be cleaned professionally at the end of the event and may also need to be checked during the day. The organisers would need to cover the cost of this. There would be a £400 charge for the use of the grassed area given that this was a business, and a £50 charge would be made to cover the cost of cutting the overflow car park.

There was discussion regarding the quay car park and the charging system that was in place. If the charges were not suspended for the day, everybody would want to park in the overflow car park instead. Also, the trust would lose the income from the car park for the day if charging was suspended.

It was agreed that the organisers should be approached regarding their plans for the car park and whether they intended to take donations for the use of the overflow car park. If they were, then the car park charging could be suspended for the day and the donations from the parking passed on to the trust to compensate for loss of earnings on the car park. The secretary would speak to the organisers and report back.

RESOLVED To agree the request for an Antiques Market to be held at Beccles Quay on 25 August 2020 and discuss with the organisers the issues around loss of income on the fee paying car park

6. Any other business

It was requested that the committee consider installing some benches along the right hand side of the track on Beccles Common leading to Woodview Farm. This would be included on the next agenda.

It was requested that the unused marshes around the Common were an item on the next agenda.

It was reported that complaints had been received regarding weeds on Station Road and around the Town Hall. The Facilities Manager now had this in hand.

C. J. Dineen
10/8/20