

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREAT RISSINGTON RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMUNITY FUND (GRRSCF) TRUSTEES

HELD VIA ZOOM, 7TH October, 2020, 7pm

Present

Graham Ramsay - Chair
Sarah Hoyle - Secretary
Jane Carter – Treasurer
Clive Billing
Chris Bowen
Robin Wernick
Anne Blessley

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking Clive Billing for arranging the Zoom link.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2020
These were approved by the trustees and signed off by the chair.
2. Election of Trustees
All trustees present agreed to continue. Graham Ramsay pointed out that we need a club representative, and Chris Bowen agreed to continue fulfilling this role. Sarah Hoyle will contact Nigel Wade to check that he is happy to continue as a trustee.
3. Annual Report and Financial Accounts
Jane Carter presented the Accounts, which were unanimously approved.
Graham Ramsay expressed thanks on behalf of the Trustees to John Durrant for auditing the 2019/20 accounts.
The main source of income throughout the year was from the phone mast (this income is transferred to Great Rissington Club) and there was no other fundraising. A few Gift Aid payments were received at the start of the year, which were from 2019. Funds in the Heaven Field account are very low at just over £300 and Jane raised the need to maintain a contingency fund. There was general agreement that this is dangerously low and should be addressed in case unforeseen costs arise. This was discussed in more detail in item 5.
Sarah will send the audited accounts to the charities commission.
4. Appointment of Independent Auditor
John Durrant was unanimously appointed as auditor.
5. Review of Governing Document
The objectives of the Trust as stated in the Declaration of Trust were discussed at length as it was felt that the original statement may no longer cover the role and purpose of the Trust. All trustees are committed to managing the Trust in such a way that Richard Turner's wishes are honoured, to safeguard the field against compulsory building on the land in the future, and to ensure it benefits the village, so before exploring whether the objectives should be revised, it was unanimously agreed to:

1. Confirm and document our understanding of the status and history of the various strands of work the GRRSCF has undertaken to date (ie fund raising for the club, taking ownership of the land on which the mast is situated, managing Heaven Field, and the transformation of the telephone box).
2. Confirm Richard Turner's wishes when he bequeathed the field to the village
3. Hold a public meeting to consult with local residents on the purpose and use of the field and the Trust.

Jane suggested that a way to relieve the concern around the low contingency fund in the Heaven Field bank account, and the risk of an unexpected cost associated with Heaven Field maintenance, would be to ask the Parish Council to take over responsibility for maintaining Heaven Field. The Trust would however maintain ownership and decision-making responsibility for the field to protect it from future development. At this point she declared an interest as she is also Chair of the Parish Council.

Graham agreed to contact the original 'founding fathers' (Colin Campbell, Jeremy Meyrick, Brian Agg and Richard Cleverly) to discuss items 5.1 and 5.2 above, as well as the suggestion of asking the Parish Council to take over financial responsibility for maintenance. This would provide them with the opportunity to raise any issues we may not have foreseen surrounding the potential transfer of responsibility for maintenance of the field to the parish council.

No revision of the Trust's objectives will be undertaken until the process above is completed.

Sarah agreed to circulate the original Declaration of Trust document and the agreement between the Trust and the Club for transfer of income from the phone mast.

6. GRRSCF Aims and Plans for the coming year, including planned income and expenditure
This items was deferred to the next meeting due to the ongoing conversation in item 5.
7. Heaven Field report - Nigel Wade
Nigel was unable to attend the meeting so no report was available. It was noted that there are currently sheep on the field and that the agreement to keep them there is in place until March 2021. Clive agreed to talk Bryan Brain to see if he is looking renew for a further 12 months.
8. Telephone Box report from Jane Carter on behalf of the parish council
6 volunteers recently completed defibrillator training. A maintenance plan for the defibrillator will be put in place.
9. Great Rissington Club report - Chris Bowen
The Club is in good health and has £13k in the bank. Despite the pandemic challenges 7 home cricket matches plus some junior county games took place. The club has recently purchased some new eco friendly and cheaper heaters, plus a new large TV screen.
10. Any Other Business
Sarah has received a letter from Amazon asking whether the trust would like to be part of the Amazon Smile charity scheme. As the extremely low value of donations a small charity can expect from this kind of scheme it was agreed not to apply.

All trustees agreed that an extraordinary meeting will likely be required before the next scheduled meeting, and this will be arranged as required.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday 7th April at 7pm. Location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm