

**Newton Green Trust**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 7.30pm**

**Zoom meeting**

**Attendees: Philip Taylor (Chairman), Shona Shipp, Michael Oliver, Lee Parker, Lisa Tinsley-Thomas (Clerk)**

**Apologies: David Everett, Sue Thurgate**

**Distribution: All**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1. Apologies</b>	David Everett, Sue Thurgate	
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None	
<b>3. Agreement of previous minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting dated 19.07.22 were agreed as a true record.	
<b>4. Matters arising from previous minutes</b>	Dead Tree; Philip is awaiting a call from Suffolk Tree Services to confirm a date to carry out the works.	
<b>5. Legal Matters</b>	<p>LP &amp; PT have had a constructive meeting with Jamie Robinson at Rudlings Wakelam solicitors. He advised that we would not be liable for road users on Trust land as road users do so of their own volition.</p> <p>Jamie suggested we consider an ex gratia payment following the recent damage to a residents car on the basis that no liability is accepted. Trustees agreed the suggested sum of £100 be offered. LP will contact the resident.</p> <p>Jamie advised that there were many avenues we could take with regards to legal matters, searches to confirm the boundaries, easements, review of title etc. Costs could be in the region of £1,200 - £2,500 + VAT dependant on the work undertaken.</p> <p>Trustees agreed that at this stage it was unnecessary and that we should instruct them on a case by case basis. This would be charged on a timed basis rather than a set fee.</p> <p>Trustees agreed that we should now instruct Rudlings Wakelam with regards to Abbey House and the driveway that has been installed upon Trust Land there.</p>	<p><b>LP</b></p> <p><b>LP/PT</b></p>

<b>6. Signage for Rotten Row</b>	<p>A homeowner on Rotten Row has advised that he does not want any signage due to this being a public right of way and therefore not enforceable. From a personal point of view, he also feels that this may affect him for deliveries to his own property.</p> <p>Suggested wording from previous minutes 'Private road – no liability will be accepted' was agreed by the trustees. Signs to be ordered and stake put back into ground.</p>	<b>PT</b>
<b>7. Planning Application – Little Green</b>	The planning application has now been withdrawn.	
<b>8. Damage to land at Corner Green</b>	<p>A road traffic accident occurred on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Corner Green.</p> <p>PT has subsequently received a call from a police officer to confirm that they have the insurance details of the driver that went into the ditch and damaged the culvert.</p> <p>This was discussed at the local Parish Council meeting last week. Concerns were raised regarding the drainage if we were to get persistent wet weather and the culvert may break and drop into the ditch.</p> <p>LP has contacted the highways department at Suffolk County Council. This is a highway matter as it is within 3 meters of the road rather than a Trust matter even though the culvert crosses Trust land. James Finch and Dave Crimmin have also agreed to write to them.</p>	
<b>9. Donation requests</b>	<p>Donation requests have been received and agreed by the Trustees as follows;</p> <p>Newton Charities (Alston &amp; Plampin) £250  Fireside Club £250  British Legion £100</p>	<b>PT</b>
<b>10. Any other business</b>	<p>MO confirmed that the title of the Lord of the Manor stays with him following his move from the village. He has spoken to the Charities Commission and any change in the future would require a solicitor to redraw the constitution of the Trust.</p> <p>The accounts and banking still need to be finalised. LP and PT to press on with this matter.</p>	<b>PT/LP</b>
<b>10. Agree date of next meeting</b>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> January 2023</p> <p>Meeting closed 8.20pm</p>	