

## **Little Tew Parish Meeting**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**17/01** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**In attendance:**

Clive Nightingale (Chair), Chris Hollander (Parish Clerk), Mike Tomlinson, David Cooper, Elizabeth Cooper, Jackie Bradley, Andrew Dunstan, Margaret Norris, Alan Mauro, Edward Catling, Kate Harris, Peter Buckman, Viv Bennett, Barry Gibson

**Apologies:**

Percy Bradley, Ben Bradley, Tomas Bradley, Jess L. Warde, Emma Bradley, Will Carleton Paget (Vice Chair), Mike Bennett, Steve Bennett, Eileen White, Tom White, Brenda Gibson

**17/02 Reports from County/District Councillors**

No councillors were present

**17/03 Broadband Provision: a presentation by Wurzel Web**

Ed Catling of Wurzel Web gave a presentation to the meeting. He would need to canvas the number of customer sign-ups: start-up costs might begin at £350, depending on the number of homes connected. Church Enstone has some 15 subscribers. It would be necessary to conduct a 3D survey to establish a line of sight. Constructing a tower would be too costly, but mounting equipment on the Church might be an option. The meeting was asked to approve a 3D survey by drone. Mr Catling said that cost starts at around £28 per month for a 10Meg connection. As more people join, the price will drop. The meeting agreed to the survey.

( There is also the possibility of using the mobile phone network as a super fast provider. Peter Buckman is currently investigating and awaiting feedback).

**17/04 Approval of, and matters arising from, the minutes of the AGM of 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

**17/05 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman began by thanking Barry Gibson for his long and patient pursuit of a right solution to the problem of the Timberyard Room Trust. He went on to thank the former trustees, that is, Molly Gatling, Percy Bradley and Peter Buckman, who each and all had had the preservation of Hebe Jerrold's bequest at Heart, even while differing about the best means of securing it,

Thanks were due, the Chairman said, to Tif and Dom Loehnis for generously hosting the 2016 Christmas party. The Meeting heartily concurred. More thanks, to Tif and to Kate Harris, were proffered for a third (of the new era) Newsletter - the biggest to date.

The Chairman reported on a meeting with local MP Robert Courts arranged by

John Sword, Heythrop's Parish Chair, and including representatives from Enstone. Mr Courts' purpose was chiefly to introduce himself and to express an interest in local affairs. He did not feel that his intervention in the planning process would be appropriate, but he was keen to play a part in improving Broadband provision.

In response to concern about the roadside verges near the Fitt's barn conversion (opposite Manor Farm) the Chairman had corresponded with Mr Holt, the new owner, who had given an assurance that any damage done during the renovation process would be made good.

**17/06 Presentation of the Little Tew Cup**

The Cup was awarded to Hubert Hutt in recognition of many years of skilled making and mending for the Village and especially for his care of Parish land which had greatly helped to keep it secure.

**17/07 Accounts: approval of Annual Return**

Barry Gibson reported to the meeting. He said that, as usual, the Parish Accounts might be viewed at Oak Ridge House. The process of registration of the Timberyard Room with the Land Registry was under way. The Parish Meeting would acquire a legal obligation for the Timberyard Room (a Parish asset). It might be necessary in the future to raise a precept in order to fund the room. The room was not at present liable for Council Tax.

**17/08 Election of Parish Meeting officers and internal auditor**

All officers being willing to continue, and no other nominations being proposed, the current team was re-elected.

**17/09 Election of Timberyard Room officers**

It was agreed that this might be done at the next meeting

**17/10 Great Tew School Report**

Viv Bennett reported to the Meeting the continuing outstanding performance of Great Tew School (achieved against a background of a reduced maintenance budget from the Council). Viv was asked to pass on the Meeting's congratulations.

**17/11 Poor's Land Trust Report**

Mike Tomlinson (Secretary/Treasurer) reported transactions very similar to the previous year. The Meeting agreed that the Poor's Land should not be sold, but that a small increase in rent should be sought from the present tenant.

**17/12 Timberyard Room Report**

In Brenda Gibson's absence her report was read to the Meeting. She and her team were thanked for the work they do to maintain and support the Timberyard Room.

**17/13 Any Other Business**

The Village Picnic was announced for Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June and offers of help sought. Offers of help were also sought for Church fundraising and for Church(yard) maintenance. An organ concert at St Michael's Church, Great Tew was to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Mike Tomlinson reported the publication of Nancy Sandars'

poems, copies available from him (price £10 to cover printing costs).

**17/14 Dates of future meetings**

It was agreed that the next Parish Meeting take place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.