

Horspath Stone Pit Charity
Minutes of Trustees' Meeting – Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7.30pm
held at Horspath Village Hall

Present: Mrs B Oakley (Chairman), Mrs P Cook, Mr L Coolman, Mr I Harris, Mr B Igoe, Mr P O'Brien, Mr E Parker, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk), Mr B Lowe, Mrs H Franklin, Mr R Hamlet, Mr S James-Lawrie.

Apologies: Mr R Burgess, Mrs C Riley.

Absent: Mr T Bearder.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were made on behalf of Mr Burgess and Mrs Riley. Mr Bearder was absent from the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Mrs Oakley declared an interest in two of the individual grant applications.

Mr Parker declared an interest in one of the individual grant applications.

Mr Lowe declared an interest in one of the organisation grant applications.

Mrs Franklin declared an interest in one of the individual grant applications.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

The Minutes of the Trustees Meeting held on 14th June 2023 were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Trustees Closed Meeting held on 15th August 2023 were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING. – None.

5. STAGECOACH. – Construction of new sub-station.

Mr O'Brien asked that the Clerk arrange a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the proposal.

Mr Parker stated that if they agree to the terms of the Stagecoach lease he doesn't see a problem.

Mr O'Brien has suggested that the lease runs in line with the Stagecoach lease. Mr O'Brien and Mr Coolman will come back to Trustees after the meeting with a proposal.

6. INVESTMENT OF HSPC FUNDS. - Update.

Mrs Oakley stated that CAF have requested a certified list of Trustees. A representative from CAF has stated that it should be sufficient for Mr Parker to certify the list. The Clerk passed all paperwork to Mr Parker for signing.

7. HARDSHIP FUND.

Mrs Oakley stated that Trustees agreed at the last meeting to close the Hardship Fund as there hadn't been any referrals since September 2022. It has recently been reported to Mrs Oakley that there is a family in the village that could benefit from the Hardship Fund, therefore, Mrs Oakley proposed that the Hardship Fund is re-opened. Seconded by Mrs Cook, In Favour – unanimous. All four of the Independent Advisors present supported re-opening the Hardship Fund.

Mrs Oakley stated that previously the Hardship Fund was operated by using referrals from either the School, Nursery, the Church and the Maple Tree Centre. Mrs Oakley suggested the Hardship Fund should no longer require a referral and should be added to the list of grants that are available, and Trustees will consider each application individually at the meetings. Trustees agreed unanimously.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Mr S Hamlet. – Thank you email and receipt.
- b. Ms K Sinnott – Thank you email and receipt.
- c. Mrs F Jones – Thank you email and receipt.
- d. Ms J Kent – Senior Citizens Club – Thank you letter and part receipt.
- e. Mrs Underdown – Chatter & Clatter – Thank you letter and receipt.
- f. Mr J Underdown – Village Magazine. – Thank you email.

9. PAYMENTS.

Date	Paid To	Details	Total £
15.6.23	Mr R Burgess	Stationery	7.99
5.7.23	Lemoneye	Web hosting and domain fee	205.00
3.8.23	Mr R Burgess	Stationery	7.99
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary July, August, September 2023	491.00
BACS	HMRC	Employer Contributions for Mrs H Kogel (5 July 2023)	122.60
BACS	HMRC	Employer Contributions for Mrs H Kogel (5 October 2023)	245.40
		TOTAL	1079.98

10. RECEIPTS.

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
10.7.23	Stagecoach	Quarterly Rent	62,500.00
21.7.23	Miss N Oakley	Test	0.01
6.9.23	Mr Michael Timbs	Repayment of un-spent grant	200.00
13.9.23	Chatter & Clatter	Repayment of surplus grant	3.58
		TOTAL	£62,703.59

****£62,500 due from Stagecoach in September 2023**.**

Bank Balance as of 19.9.23 - £746,636.24

11. AOB. – None.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING.

4 Organisation & 34 Individual applications to be considered.

Organisations Applications

Cycle Speedway – Application refused as Trustees consider the quotations provided to be excessive. The applicant will be requested to obtain further quotations for the refurbishment of the existing container.

Friends of Horspath – Grant of £60,000 - Application refused as no receipts provided for the last grant. Trustees decided to consider this grant to avoid further delay for the Hub. When contacted for advice, the Charity Commission stated that any grant has to be for the benefit of the residents of Horspath and Trustees have a duty to protect HSPC funds. Trustees voted unanimously in favour of not paying a grant of £60,000 for the Hub to pay off the existing loans/depts. All four Independent Advisors supported this decision.

Friends of Horspath – Creative Craft Group - Application refused as no receipts provided for the last grant.

St Giles Church – Awarded £1320.00 for the maintenance of the Churchyard.

Individual Applications

6 applications were refused as receipts for the last grant awarded were not provided. (The receipts have since been provided, therefore the grants were approved by Trustees).

5 applications were successful for swimming lessons. Total £1000.00.

6 applications were successful for Yenworthy School Trip. Total £1200.00.

10 applications were successful for school uniforms. Total £2000.00.

5 applications were successful for 6th Form School Transport. Total £1000.00.

1 application was successful for Sporting Excellence. Total £200.00.

1 application was successful for a Bushcraft School Trip. Total £100.00.

1 application was successful for Armistice Day. Total £320.00.

1 application was successful for the provision of meal vouchers for senior citizens. Total £2500.00.

2 applications were refused as the applicants do not live in Horspath.

2 applications were refused as they did not meet the criteria.

A total of £9,640.00 was awarded.

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