

Horspath Stone Pit Charity
Minutes of Trustees' Meeting – Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm
held at Horspath Village Hall

Present: Mrs B Oakley (Chairman), Mr D Burgess, Mr L Coolman, Mrs P Cook, Mrs H Franklin, Mr P Hookham, Mr P O'Brien, Mr E Parker, Mr G Walker, Mrs H Kogel (Clerk). Mr B Lowe.

Apologies: Mr I Harris, Mr B Igoe, Mr R Hamlet, Mr S James-Lawrie.
Absent: Mr T Bearder.
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were made on behalf of Mr Harris, Mr Igoe, Mr Hamlet and Mr James-Lawrie. Mr Bearder was absent from the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Mrs Oakley declared an interest in one individual grant application.
 Mr Lowe declared an interest in two organisation grant applications.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

The Minutes of the Trustees Meeting held on 24th September 2024 were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Mr Coolman stated that at the last meeting an organisation grant was refused as it is not directly for the residents of Horspath. This also applies to other organisations in the village who have been successful with applications. Mrs Oakley stated that the organisation must be mainly for the benefit of the residents of Horspath. Mrs Oakley suggested that a closed meeting is held in January to review grant applications and the criteria required.

5. STAGECOACH. – New sub-station. - Mr O'Brien reported that no update is available.

6. REVIEW OF SCHOOL UNIFORM GRANTS.

It was agreed that this will be discussed at the closed meeting in January.

7. APPROVAL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024/25.

Trustees approved the salary increase for the Clerk.

8. CORRESPONDENCE. – None.

9. PAYMENTS.

Date	Paid To	Details	Total £
BACS	Mrs Hayley Kogel	Salary Oct, Nov, Dec 2024 + ¼ holiday pay	641.46
BACS	Lemoneye	Web hosting fees	225.00
		TOTAL	866.46

Two payments of £1,000.00 each were paid out on 21.11.24 & 3.12.24 from the Hardship Fund.

10. RECEIPTS.

Date	Received from	Details	Total £
30.9.24	Stagecoach	Quarterly Rent	62,500.00
2.10.24	Horspath Senior Residents	Un-used grant	192.00
25.10.24	Mr P Dobson	Un-used grant from Horspath Parochial Charity	1790.00

15.11.24	Barclays Bank	Interest from Treasury Deposit Account	12,340.60
2.12.24	Barclays Bank	Interest on Business Premium Account	412.10
		Total	£77,234.70

****£62,500 due from Stagecoach in December 2024****

Bank Balances as of 3.12.24

Community Account £929,588.57

Business Premium Account £76,542.02

Mr Parker commented on the amount of interest earned on the Treasury Deposit Account in just a six month period. The Clerk will renew the Account for another six months and deposit £900,000.00.

11. AOB.

- a. Mrs Oakley reported that a grant of £3000.00 was awarded to Horspath Parochial Charity around three years ago to register the Poor's Land. The land has now been registered at a cost of £896.00. HSPC has now been made aware that the grant was also used to insure the Poor's land for the last 3 years at a cost of £898.46. The remainder of the grant has been paid back to HSPC. Mrs Oakley stated that someone has previously expressed an interest in this land to use for farming, but no further action has been taken. Trustees agreed that HSPC do not award grants to pay for insurance and asked the Clerk to write to the Trustee of the Parochial Charity stating that HSPC will not award any further grants to cover insurance. Mr Burgess stated that in past years it has been mentioned about the Poor's Land merging with HSPC, but as the Trustee of the Parochial Charity is no longer involved with HPC/HSPC, no further action has been taken.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING.

7 Organisation & 17 Individual applications to be considered.

Individual Applications

2 applications were successful for school trips. – Total 400.00.

8 applications were successful for swimming lessons. – Total £1600.00.

2 applications were successful for school transport. – Total £400.00.

1 application was successful for specialist improvements. - £1860.00.

1 application was successful for the provision of meal vouchers for senior citizens for the next three months. (Mrs Oakley left the room and took no part in voting). Total £5000.00.

3 applications were refused as they did not meet the criteria of the charity.

Organisation Applications

The Howe Trust – Application declined as it is not a Horspath organisation.

Horspath Senior Residents – Awarded £3900.00 for meals and day trips.

St Giles Church – Awarded £300.00 for tree pruning. (Mr Lowe left the room and took no part in voting).

Horspath Magazine – Awarded £2472.00 for 6 editions. (Mr Lowe left the room and took no part in voting).

Horspath Cricket Club – Awarded £500.00 towards a new mower.

Horspath Hub – Awarded £300.00 for the Making Time Creating Craft group.

Horspath Parish Council – Application deferred until 2 Independent Advisors are present.

A total of £16,732.00 was awarded.

Mrs Oakley stated that HSPC needs another Independent Advisor as Mrs Franklin is now a Trustee and Mr Bearder does not attend the meetings. A resident in the village has expressed an interest in becoming an Independent Advisor. Trustees agreed that Mrs Oakley will discuss the position with the resident.

Trustees also agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Bearder stating that due to his lack of response Trustees assume that he is tendering his resignation as an Independent Advisor.

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