

Swillington Educational Charity
Draft Minutes of Trustees meeting held Friday 15th November 2013

Present:, Reverend Canon Rosemarie Hayes (Chair), Councillor Ian Wallace, Councillor Judith Woodhead, Councillor Mark Dobson; Ken Watson, Shirley Ashby, Millie Slessor, Dorothy Barker, Reverend Diane Flynn, Alison Westmoreland, 2 representatives from Playschool. Minute taker Margaret Forth.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of October 16th were accepted as true record.

3. Matters Arising. None.

4. Minutes of Open Meeting.

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on 24th October were confirmed as a true record.
Cllr Dobson joined the meeting

5. Public Comments and Concerns from Open Meeting.:

5.1 It was queried at the Open meeting if offers could still be made. No offers or approaches have been made in this respect since the meeting.

5.2 Cllr Mark Dobson said he was sorry he could not attend the Open meeting and that he had been dismayed by remarks made on his social media site. He said that the Trustees main aim was to secure the future of the buildings or at least keep any money raised in the Parishes. The Trustees took personal risk in taking on the task; worked solely to meet the aims of the Charity and had done a robust job of work.

5.3 It was pointed out that a great deal of money had been spent on the building but major roof repairs had never been done. Councillor Ian Wallace had found paper work dated 1991 saying repairs to roof of the School would cost in excess of £65,000 but this had not been done. The Parochial Church Council had offered to repair the inside of School House if Trustees did outside repairs but this was not done either.

5.4 Members of the public present said they felt they should have been made aware of meetings and that a Public Meeting should have been earlier before final decisions were made.

6. Progress Report:

6.1 The Statement of Truth as agreed by all Trustees has been signed and returned to Solicitor. Copy in minute book.

6.2 All documents have been forwarded to the Land Registry who have requested the official Land Registry Statement of Truth be completed and signed. This will ready for signature w/c 18/11/2013. Councillor Ian Wallace offered the Solicitor this form on last visit but was told it was not required as Solicitor had his own.

6.3 All the minutes from July 12th 2012 to present are now on Great and Little Preston Parish Council web site and there are links to this on Swillington Parish Council site. Councillor Dobson will also put links on his web sites.

6.4 Requests for updates have been requested from the Rothwell Advertiser and Swillington Parish Magazine. The Trustees agreed to Councillor Ian Wallace sending the updated information.

7. Finance Report:

7.1 The bank balance remains at £1671. The Solicitor will be billing for £60 Deed search and certified copy, £50 to Land Registry for first registration giving a total of £110. The Trustees agreed that this could be paid when bill received.

Cllr Dobson left the meeting

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 The Playschool reps asked how much money will be raised from the sale. The Trustees felt it would be unfair to the purchaser to give details.

8.2 The Playschool reps said they are in urgent need of funds and also a new building to meet in. The Trustees pointed out that they must meet the Charities aims as set out in the Scheme but felt sure they would look favourable on any application for a grant when they knew how much, if any, funds were available but it will be some time before they have this information.

8.3 It was suggested that the Playschool and Scout Group should join forces and present their difficulties to the Parish Council and local Councillors to seek help with their ongoing difficulties

11. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 14th January 2014, 2.15 pm. in Church