

Acton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 10:00am on Friday 10 November 2023 in Acton Village Hall

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Nick Antill, Roberta Caradine, Carol Dyer, Eleanor Clark, Christine Johnson, Steve Le Grys, Katie McSweeney, Graham Round (chairman)

In attendance: Fiona Mullins (clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Minutes

Apologies

- 1 Cllr John Gibbens sent his apologies and Cllrs approved his reason for absence. AIF.

Declaration of interest

- 2 There were no declarations of interest or requests for a dispensation.

Public Forum

- 3 A resident asked the following questions relating to the Deed of Gift:
- What are “Quaker principles” – the clerk advised that these are Peace, Equality, Truth and Integrity, Simplicity, Community and Stewardship or Care for the Earth and that the Quaker connection is a matter of historical record but will not influence management of Acton Field.
 - Does the transfer include access – Cllr Round advised that access will be included and the parish council expects this to be set out in the Transfer document.
 - What are the “other assets” – Cllr Round advised that this is set out in the Second Schedule Part 2 of the Deed. Cllr Johnson clarified that it is pecuniary (a sum of money).
 - Is there merit in including the wildlife reserve in the Trust? Cllrs commented that this has not been considered and would be a matter for the management committee.
 - Does Suffolk Wildlife Trust have any part in the management of Acton Field? Cllr Round commented that this would be a matter for the management committee.
 - The term “consonantly” is not in common usage.

Signed: Chairman Date.....

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Governance: Acton Field Trust

- 4(i) Cllrs noted that, once executed, the Deed of Gift will create the Acton Field Trust as a new charity with Acton Parish Council as sole trustee. Acton Field and other assets will be transferred from the Innominate Trust to the new charity. The Deed of Gift will be executed as a Deed by Acton Parish Council acting by two Cllrs in the presence of the Proper Officer of Acton Parish Council. Both the Deed and HM Land Registry form TR1 for land transfer will be completed, at the same time, once they are dated.
- a Cllrs resolved that any two Acton parish councillors are authorised to execute the Deed of Gift (see Appendix) and the associated documentation including, but not limited to, the TR1 land transfer on behalf of Acton Parish Council. AIF
Cllrs Round and Johnson signed the Deed of Gift witnessed by the clerk as the Proper Officer.
- b Cllrs resolved to increase the legal fees budget by up to a further £3,000 for costs relating to the transfer bringing total pre-project legal fees to £15,000. AIF

The chairman closed the meeting at 10:18am

Acronyms:

AIF All in favour

Cllr Acton Parish Councillor

TR1 Her Majesty Land Registry Transfer form for transferring a whole property