

Minutes of BCOS trustees meeting held at Vine Cottage on Saturday 9th December
4.30

Attendance: Mark Oakley
Rod West
Rosy Thornton
Andrew Derrick
Eve Rossor

Apologies: Jeff Hume

Hedges:

Discussion about the field which Langmead want to remove hedge from.

Note that the hedge is a wildlife corridor and a beetle bank (Government is sponsoring these). Thus the hedge does have a significant value.

PC, tree warden and BCOS have all responded No to the planning application.

If approval is given, the replacement offered should take in the whole estate

Acquiring land abutting commons

Likely to be an issue with Stone Common and the Great Common. The Langmead field would have been a good option, so need be proactive in finding out who owns possible sites of 1 acre.

There are 13 acres by Shepherds cottage

ACTION: Rod to make a list of land and who owns it

Communication with Membership

Renewal - membership had agreed for Jan 1 for renewal, for all even if joined mid year. Need to create a new membership document, to include the chance to donate. Need to think of wills.

Renewal form to be distributed to each household accompanied by a summary of the past year's BCOS work

ACTION Rod to do a letter head for the trust.

Eve to send Rod the previous form and suggestions as to what should be on the form.

Mark to send Eve bank details so that people can pay electronically.

Neighbourhood Plans(NP)

Video watched on the background to setting up a NP

Andrew- Has to be PC lead

Cost eg Strumpshaw cost £4220 to the parish (£10,000 in total)

Can be simple- can focus on a limited number of issues

Would have the parish boundary as the limits - 150 households

NP could be part of the meeting in February in the Village hall

Could get someone from a village doing their plan to present eg Bredfield, Aldringham, Bealings

If the membership supported it, could present to the PC (invite them to come to the meeting in February)

Royal institute of Town Planning suggest that an informal plan can be completed which is not binding but can be converted to a NP

ACTION Eve to email individuals in Bealings and Bredfield to see if we could meet to discuss the process, and possibly a short presentation to the meeting. To arrange a meeting with any trustees available

Meeting date Saturday Feb 24th at 2.30at the village hall (yet to be booked by ER)

Need to get all information to villagers in January

AOB Bank sign off- Rod to take form to Steve. Andrew to complete
Nigel has confirmed that we can claim gift aid from HMRC

Updating the website- could Jeff give us access code to the website so that recent minutes and documents can go on

Future meeting dates after Feb meeting