

Minutes of Planning Meeting BCOS Trustees Friday March 22nd Vine Cottage

Present: Rod West
Andrew Derrick
Rosy Thornton
Eve Rossor

Apologies: Mark Oakley

Update on land:

3 quotes for clearance- large variation, local firm £10,800 for asbestos clearance and slab removal

Doncaster firm at least £9000 for removal of asbestos, slab not costed

Basildon firm £6000 for asbestos removal. £30,000 for slab removal

Need to check on whether the trust pays VAT or can reclaim

At AGM issue to be raised so that the level of fundraising is clear. Also need to consider the cost of public liability if access. Could be a permissive path ie shut for a number of days per year. Rod suggests leaving untouched for a year while considering the issues. Land ownership transfer in next 12 months

It would be helpful to know the PC's position prior to the AGM

ACTION: Eve to contact Mark who was to raise the issue at the March PC meeting

Natural England fund SWT to manage the Great Common- discussion on how and who would manage the land.

ACTION: Rod to discuss with contact at Natural England. Await outcome before discussing with other local bodies

Grant applications- expertise exists in the Trust on fund raising.

Andrew noted that there is little logic to the AONB covering only part of the Great Common. Would need PC support.

ACTION: Andrew to lead on this?

AGM agenda- eve to check charity commissions guidance on what should be in the AGM

Andrew to lead

Mark - accounts

Eve - update on past year

Rod- environment group planting and free trees

Reappointing of treasurer and secretary and trustees as appropriate (yet to check the constitution)

AGM advertising

Has been in the newsletter, distributed last week

Advert on the two notice boards- ACTION: Eve

Creation of A5 flyers ACTION: Rod. Rod to alert Eve when done

Tea and biscuits ACTION: Rosy

Meet at Village Hall at 2pm 6th April. Eve to get the key. Rod to provide projector and screen. Photos of land to Rod

Involvement in theTrust

Check the number of Trustees in the constitution

Need active individuals - there are people who would be willing to be closely involved- if limit in trustees numbers, this should not stop them being actively involved in all aspects of the Trust and attending meetings etc