

**TVT Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 1930 at**  
**The School House, Chard Street, Thorncombe**

**Present:** John Higgs (chair), Richard Holt (Secretary), Janet Walker, Kate Cahn, John Whitbread, Mark Agnew.

**1 Apologies:** Sally Welford, Mary Marsh.

**2 Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were read and approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 Applications for Grants. Updates.**

- a) Four new trees have been planted on the north side of the churchyard.
- b) A hard disk drive was purchased for the village video camera and has been passed on to Mark Shelley.
- c) The application for funds to replace a field gate on a footpath at the end of Saddle Street has been withdrawn. A private individual has contributed the required amount.

**4 Maintenance of Woods.** The council has indicated they will contribute towards the costs of improving access on the footpaths. The new gates need to ensure livestock cannot get through. Therefore the "kissing gate" style of gate is preferred. Two work parties have made good progress on clearing the bramble and elder thicket that had appeared below the wood, and this requires more work still, together with clearance of brambles towards where the new gate will be installed. It was noted that a number of residents had turned out for the work. It was agreed to rent a petrol brush-cutter to help clearing the brambles. Since the proposed new access is not a public footpath, Mr. Johnson will be contacted to suggest marking the access to show it is a permissive path.

**5 Treasurer's Report.** The balance in the current account is £7296.12 plus £55.77 in petty cash. The trustees approved requesting Mr. Ian Collins to audit the accounts.

**6 Any Other Business.**

- It was agreed to invite residents who wished to do so to apply to become trustees on the notices for the AGM in May.
- Applications for grants in 2017 will be advertised in August. Applications to be received by the end of September, and determined in October.
- The Ladies' Monday Walking team have started visiting the featured walks on the Trust's booklet. Inclement weather over the winter has limited their forays into the countryside however, but the review continues.

**7 Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 1930 in the Village Community Room.

The meeting closed at 2050.