

TVT Board of Trustees

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 24th March 2016 at 1930 at
The School House, Chard Street, Thorncombe (Richard Holt's house)

Present: John Higgs (chair), Mary Marsh (treasurer), Richard Holt (vice-chair), Mark Agnew, Kate Cahn, John Whitbread.

1 Apologies: Janet Walker, Sally Welford

2 Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the meeting on 22nd October 2015 were read and approved, and were signed by the Chairman

3 Treasurer's Report. The balance in the current account is £7626.54 plus £66.42 in petty cash. The small shareholding in Santander continues to resist resolution. There are 2 shares with current value of just £6.77. The complex paperwork and process required to transfer these to the current Trustees is unreasonable. The Trustees agreed to ask Lynn and Rachael to dispose of them (they are still the named shareholders), and give the proceeds to charity.

A Mr. Hawker, who does not live in the Parish, requested to join the Trust. On being told of the new formation of the Trust he then donated £20.00 to the Trust.

A cheque for £24.96 has been issued to Rachael Whitbread for Website charges.

The cheque issued to Rachael Whitbread for the WI album job has not been paid in. The WI have offered to pay for half the cost and as a result the original cheque for £102 was destroyed, and MM will pay the invoice directly. The WI will be requested to reimburse the Trust for the £51.00 they wish to contribute. The work has been successfully carried out and the WI have proposed to make the digital version available on CD for those who wish to buy it.

4 Secretary's report. The Secretary was unable to attend this meeting. John H said he had spoken with Sally Wellford, who wished to stand down as Secretary. He had persuaded her to continue to serve as Vice-Chair, and RSH was willing to move to Secretary. This met with the approval of the Trustees, and was adopted.

5 Maintenance of Woods. "Johnson's Wood" refers to the trees planted by the Trust alongside the path from Wittey's Lane to the Dungeon. John W reported that an individual who could have advised on the actions needed had been unable to help after all, and he had been in touch with the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society. They have agreed to offer some guidance and John W will pursue this. When the extent of the work is known, the Trustees will assess how much can be done by the Trustees, and, if necessary, volunteers will be recruited to assist.

6 Constitution Amendments. The amendments have not yet been circulated to the Trustees. This will now be done, and, if approved, the amendments can be adopted at the AGM in May.

7. Applications for Funds. No new applications have been received by any of the Trustees. The annual process of advertising for applications will take place in the summer, and applications will need to be submitted by the end of September. The Trustees will meet to discuss the applications in October. In the light of lessons learned with last year's applications, applicants will be encouraged to contact the Trustees in good time, to allow informal interviews to take place before final submission, to acquire as much information as possible.

8 Any Other Business. None

9 Date of Next Meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 1930 in the Village Hall. The Secretary will ensure that the public are informed via the usual channels.

The meeting closed at 2030.