

Minutes

Raymond Trust Fund

AGM

Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7pm

Hospital of St John, Heytesbury, BA12 0HW

Trustee: Heytesbury, Imber and Knook Parish Council

Membership of trustee:

Cllr Boath A
Cllr Button*
Cllr Fellowes *
Cllr McGuire A
Cllr Morris*
Cllr Pitman*
Cllr Riggs*
Cllr Sturmey*
Cllr Wilson*

Key: * Present

A Apologies

AB Absent

In attendance:

Administrator

12 members of the public

Cllr Morris on behalf of the trustee welcomed the public.

1. Election of chair for the meeting

Cllr Sturmey was elected chair for the meeting. Voting was five in favour, one against, one abstention.

2. Apologies

Cllrs Boath and McGuire.

3. Election of chair

Cllr Sturmey was elected chair. Voting was five in favour, one against, one abstention. There were questions from the public concerning why it was necessary to have an election of chair for the meeting, the first item on the agenda. Cllr Sturmey explained there was a vacancy in the post of chair and a chair is elected for the meeting when there is a vacancy.

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4. Appointment of administrator

J Cap was appointed administrator for one year. Voting was five in favour, two abstentions.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM on 14 September 2021 were approved and signed by the chair. Voting was unanimous in favour.

6. Annual report

The administrator gave an overview of the report's contents. There were comments and questions from the public:

- ❖ Was any grant rejected? Cllr Storey responded that one grant made by an individual had been rejected as the grant policy states grants are not awarded to individuals.
- ❖ Did Heytesbury Social charge people for the event which it received a grant? Cllr Sturmev responded it did charge for the event but the organisation was properly constituted.
- ❖ How does the Charity Commission view the charity without a chair? Cllr Sturmev answered the charity elects for each meeting a chair if there is a vacancy until the AGM when a chair for the year is elected as required by the constitution.
- ❖ What are the aims of the charity? Cllr Sturmev answered there were two aims :
 - 1) provide land or building for a village hall
 - 2) application of income for grants.

The annual report of the trust for 2021-2022 was approved and signed by the chair. Voting was unanimous in favour.

7. Accounts

The trust administrator gave an overview of the accounts for 2021-2022 period.

The accounts for 2021-2022 were approved and signed by the chair and Cllr Button on behalf of the trustee. Voting was six in favour, one abstention.

There was discussion concerning the money in the Instant Capital bank account, restricted fund, and it was agreed by unanimous vote to transfer the £4688.76 in the Instant Capital bank account to the investment Capital Account.

8. Proposals received from Cllrs Fellowes, Sturmev and Wilson, requested to appear on the agenda

There was discussion and exchange of views on both proposals between members of the trustee with participation from members of the public.

- 8.1 We propose that the parish council when acting as trustee of the Raymond Trust Fund holds its meetings in public with agendas in advance and minutes afterwards publicly available, with an opportunity for public participation at the actual meetings. This will ensure transparency.

A recorded vote was requested.
For: Cllr Fellowes, Cllr Sturmey, Cllr Wilson.
Against: Cllr Morris, Cllr Pitman.
Abstain: Cllr Button, Cllr Riggs.
Proposal supported.

8.2 We propose that the Raymond Trust Fund pro-actively pursue the aims of the Trust as outlined in the 1986 scheme as ordered by the Charity Commission:
“Item 4. Application of property at any time the trustee may apply the whole or part of the property of the charity in or towards defraying the cost of providing land and buildings to be settled upon trust for the use of a village hall” and in line with its entry on the Charity Commission register: “How the charity helps-provides buildings/ facilities/ open space”.

Proposal withdrawn for an alternative proposal to be taken to the next trust meeting. Voting was unanimous in favour.

9. AOB

- 1) A member of the public suggested whether the charity could support a community speed watch group.
- 2) Cllr Sturmey proposed the trustee meet in November 2022, January 2023, April 2023 and June 2023 following the parish council meetings. Voting was unanimous in favour of these dates.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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