

The minutes of the meeting of the Stimpson's Piece Charity Trustees held at Stimpsons Piece on Wednesday 8th September 2021 starting at 7.30pm

Present: P. Mitchell (Chair), M. Steel, S. Fisher, M. Lester, A Hazelwood.

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

S21/81. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from J. Harding and B Douglas.

S21/82. To receive Trustees declarations of interest in agenda items

None received.

S21/83. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

A member of the public was in attendance, and expressed a number of concerns surrounding relocating the nursery to the Town Hall. He referred to the building survey, which has identified work amounting to £165,000. It was confirmed that much of this work was to bring the building back to its original state when it was built so much of this work was immediately required. Work to the gutters and decorating has already been carried out, and a carpenter is being sought to carry out repairs to the fire door. Grant funding will be sought for some of the other work which is required. It was noted that a group of people are interested in assisting as a 'Friends of Stimpson's Piece' group. Cllr Lester and Cllr Steele are exploring obtaining a grant for insulation to the roof, as there is none currently. The member of the public asked if there is a business plan in place regarding a potential move. It was explained by the Chairman that enquiries were still at an early stage and that detailed work, such as preparing a business plan, would be premature. The Charity Commission has been contacted to ask if the Town Hall offices can be moved, and if they say not, the request to move the nursery cannot be progressed.

S21/84. To receive and adopt the minutes from the meeting held on 14th July 2021

It was agreed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 14th July 2021.

S21/85. To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not listed elsewhere on the agenda

Repairs to the meter box and the shed door are outstanding, as the contractors who came to look at the work required have not submitted quotes.

The legionnaires testing will take place on 17th September.

S21/86. To receive an update from Stimpson's Piece Working Group

Kitchen improvements are being explored, and it may be possible to replace the doors, rather than the entire units. With regard to the request move by the Nursery School, the Charity Commission have been contacted to ask if the Town Council could relocate its office as, given that the Town Council is the Trustee of the Stimpson's Piece Charity, this could be problematic. Once a response has been received, a timeline for the decision making process will be prepared if appropriate. Cllr Lester is exploring grants for roof insulation. The football club have confirmed that they will no longer need the bar, and will remove the equipment. Trustees will meet with the football club to discuss this further. Future uses for the former tennis courts were discussed. The Friends of Stimpson's Piece have suggested it could be redeveloped into a basketball court, but this will cost in the region of £80,000. Possible fundraising events for Stimpson's Piece were discussed, and the need for wider advertising of the pavilion. It has been agreed that hire charges will remain the same for the time being.

S21/87. To consider use of other groups in Stimpson's Piece Pavilion with easing of government restrictions

It was noted that more users for the pavilion need to be found. Some ideas have been discussed.

S21/88. To receive an update on Grant for loft insulation

Cllr Lester has received one quote, but is struggling for obtain a second one. Cllr Steel will speak to Broadland District Council for advice.

S21/89. To approve repair works to the Skatepark

Quotes were sent to Councillors prior to the meeting, for remedial works required to the Skatepark. It was agreed that the Working Group will look to see what work will need to be done long-term, but the quote for up to £1800 was agreed to make the equipment safe for the time being.

S21/90. To approve items to be repaired following play area inspection.

A few items were identified in the inspection. The bench, which is in need of repair, will soon be removed, and the football club will be asked to remove the redundant goal posts.

S21/91. FINANCE –

To received income / expenditure to 31st August 2021

Income / expenditure figures to 31st August 2021 were received.

To approve bills paid / to be paid since last meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to approve all bills paid / to be paid since the last meeting.

S21/92. To receive correspondence / late correspondence and refer to future agenda items

None.

S21/93. To confirm the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm. The meeting would be held at either Stimpson's Piece or the Town Hall (to be confirmed) in accordance with Government guidance.

S21/94. To close the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:55pm