

Minutes of the Kennel Field Trust AGM held on 9/12/23

15 attendees

Apologies C.Denny R.Cromey-Hawke

Minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted

Chairman John Dinsdale welcomed everyone and explained the Trust had been remiss in not calling an AGM earlier. There had been six trustee meetings since the last AGM, including an extraordinary meeting to discuss the dire financial prognosis set out at the previous AGM.

He said the village owed a huge thank you to treasurer Lynda Denny for founding the 100 Club and seeking a reasonable insurance policy. The Trust was now viable again.

Persistent rain had delayed current planned work.

Treasurer presented the accounts which showed a balance of £3,104 – 21p She explained that items of expenditure concerned with current work in the field would be paid for retrospectively by the Sustainable Development Fund. These include the costs of stabilising the spring, tree fencing and an information board for the car park, which the funders had insisted on.

The insurance had gone up £20 but she was delighted that an anonymous donor had covered all our insurance.

Secretary Deborah Millward apologised for the delay in calling an AGM. Three trustees had resigned in the interim. Parish councillor T.Freer was replaced by R. Cromey-Hawke as an ex officio trustee. R.Newall had been co-opted and would need to be ratified at this AGM. The constitution allowed for nine trustees so another would be welcome.

Election of Trustees

R. Newall was proposed by L. Denny and seconded by P. Noake

R. Loukota was proposed by L. Denny and seconded by P. Pointon

To comply with the constitution J. Dinsdale and D. Millward stood down and were re-elected by J. Thomson and P. Pointon

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R.Loukota asked for clarification on KFT's charitable status and it was confirmed to be a Small Charity. He asked if KFT was registered for Gift Aid which would be looked into. It was also clarified that our insurance covered harm by livestock.

H.Nation asked about autumn grazing as the cattle had badly poached the ground near the gate. It was explained that autumn sheep grazing had been trialled but they had been spooked by dogs.