

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH LANE MEADOW
TRUSTEES HELD IN THE BLUE ROOM AT CLANFIELD MEMORIAL HALL ON
TUESDAY 18th MAY 2021 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr Rosemary Clarke (Chair) Cllr Stephen D'este Hoare Cllr Laurent Coffre
Cllr John Bannell Roland Howes; Brenda Mizen;
David Charleton; Mike Collins – Cricket Club

In attendance: Secretary Emma Barritt;

1. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Firstly, it is good that we are able to meet in person after a year of Zoom meetings which has meant some trustees have been unable to attend. The trustees (comprising four parish councillors and four villagers) work hard to provide and maintain a valued and substantial open space which is a source of pride to them and users.

Over the last twelve months, together with Sunderton Meadow, South Lane Meadow has been a blessing to villagers taking their daily walk. The use and extent of activities at South Lane Meadow has been governed by unique circumstances of a pandemic and the various public health measures, including three lockdowns.

To many, although annual events have been unable to take place at the meadow, such as the Clanfield Challenge for which it would provide a base, car boot sales and seasonal funfairs, it has provided a valued open space. It is a very popular dog walking spot but is also there for the village in general to use the play areas, appreciate the views from one of the commemorative seats, admire the trees in the orchard, watch villagers playing cricket and walk on to Sunderton Meadow; a precious piece of protected land in the village.

Seasonal and other work to maintain the meadow, whether with removal of vegetation, or car park maintenance are ongoing and thanks are due to local farmers who are able to assist with seasonal work. Although trustees have been at pains to maintain the car park in its present form to be in keeping with its rural setting, ongoing drainage problems and resultant periodic remedial work and costs mean we have now little choice but to take a different approach to the surface and professional advice is being sought. During the next year, the car park may need to be tarmaced or similarly treated to avoid such problems in the future.

This second strange and challenging South Lane Meadow year ends on a positive note, with users continuing to greatly appreciate this precious area of open space within the village and lockdown measures easing. We can also celebrate the meadow as the home of Clanfield Cricket Club, with the expansion of facilities to include a ladies team and youth activities that will give further opportunities for the children and young people living in the village and add to the community involvement.

No comments were received following the Chairman's report.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The accounts are yet to be audited, the balance as at 31st March 2021 stood at £2240.88.

3. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO TRUSTEES

No questions/comments.

4. AGM CLOSE

The Chairman closed the AGM at 7.05pm

THESE ARE A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM

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