

**ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
ANNAL GENERAL MEETING 2020**

Saturday 20th February 2021 starting at 10:30 via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Trustees: Jim Breeds (Chair), Tony Polain, Becky Polain (Treasurer), Ian Sier, Amanda Jobson, Richard Street and Gabriella Pettit.

Members: Jo Walker, Gabriella Parker.

Guests: Cllr Peter Chowney, Cllr Andrew Battley

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Heather Bishop, Ruby Cox (Labour candidate for Old Hastings/Tressell ESCC elections), Ali Roark (Labour candidate for Baird/Ore ESCC elections + Tressell HBC elections)

3. Minutes of last AGM (26th October 2019)

were accepted as a correct record: proposed Ian Sier, seconded Gabriella Pettit and agreed unanimously.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Report for 2019/20:

Chair presented the report. Cllr Chowney updated the meeting on the long-awaited transfer of land in the Lower Ore Valley to HBC and thence to OCLT.

6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for the year 2019/20

Treasurer presented the Financial Statement – Appendix 2.

7. Election of Trustees

Chair thanked John Ballantyne who had stood down as a Trustee but continued invaluable work as Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Nomination and election of new Trustees

The following Trustees were re-elected unanimously: proposed Ian Sier, seconded Jim Breeds.

Tony Polain, Rebecca Polain, Gabriella Pettitt.

Joanne Walker was unanimously elected as a Trustee: proposed Ian Sier, seconded Jim Breeds.

8. Any motions

No motions had been submitted.

9. Any Other Business, including questions from the attendees.

a) Ian Sier explained about the plan to buy up land within Speckled Wood to ensure it is preserved for the local community in perpetuity. OCLT has made contact with the owner of land in the valley floor and southern side of the Wood who is currently abroad. OCLT also needs to take ownership of unregistered land which may be owned by the Health Authority.

b) Cllr Battley asked about the high balance in the accounts. This is mainly the grant for land purchase which has been delayed. IS added that delays to projects were caused by the delays in land purchase.

c) Cllr Chowney encouraged all to respond to HBC's consultation on revised Local Plan. The proposed plan protects Speckled Wood as open space but this could be changed by Government Inspector if landowners object and there is not clear public support.

10. Close of AGM at 11:18

Appendix 1: Item 6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for the year 2019/20

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Receipts and payments account for the year 1st May 2019 to 30th April 2020

Starting balance £6,851.45

Income £ Expenditure £

Receipts

Grant (Sussex Community Fund) 3,417.00

Grant (Big Local) 15,000.00

Co-op 937.41

Paypal/ Membership 25.25

Donations 63.54

Total Income 19,443.20

Payments

Insurance 768.80

Legal Fees (Land Purchase) 7,467.00

TCV 600.00

Printing/ Stamps 205.68

Project costs/ Materials/ Labour 1,310.61

Total Expenditure 10,352.09

Closing Balance £15,942.56