

## Minutes Of Newton Trust Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

1.	<b>Apologies</b>	No apologies received.
2.	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	None
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Agreed
4.	<b>Public Forum</b>	<p>A suggestion was made that gate key holder's contact details should be displayed on the playing field gate in case of emergencies.</p> <p>Concern was voiced about golfers using the playing field for practise hitting balls towards the children's play areas, despite the signs warning against this.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - L.P. will post reminder in village FB page.</p> <p>Some feedback regarding the small wild area on the field was positive, with increased species of butterflies being observed. Some flowering species will be added after the autumn cut.</p> <p><b>Action</b> -ST to discuss with Green Keeper -Jack to send information to LP to post of village FB page.</p>
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Letter received from Open Reach regarding access to telegraph pole to set WiFi in Village Hall.</p> <p>Information received regarding change in planning permission at Saracen's Cottage. Some discussion followed around access and edges of pond.</p> <p>L.P. declared a non- pecuniary interest around the item of Saracen's Cottage since he is a member of Babergh District Council</p>
6.	<b>Finance</b>	<p>There was discussion around book- keeping and maintenance of the accounts. It would be good to appoint a treasurer to the Trust.</p> <p>Bank balances Deposit Acc £22,493.24 Current Acc £37,102.34</p> <p><b>Action</b> – LP to approach Dave Crimmin.</p>
7.	<b>Golf Club report</b>	<p>There is a need for gorse to be reduced in height for safety of golfers, drivers and walkers. The Green Keepers have a management plan for this, the Trust agreed that they should follow their plan.</p> <p>There was a discussion about villagers' use of the course and some concerns about them holding up games and competitions. S.T has a proposition to put to the Club Executive to manage this by restricting the times that villagers can use the 9 holes. It was felt that</p>

		<p>further discussion was needed around this and wider views and opinions sought.</p> <p>Bins have been removed from the common land side of the course due to walkers disposing of dog poo in them. This is not what they are for.</p> <p>Points were raised about the Village website being updated with regard to “Villager Plus” membership scheme, Dave Crimmin to be asked to update this.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<p>Trust had received requests for donations towards Open Gardens, Village Hall and the Poppy Appeal. The following donations were agreed:</p> <p>Open Gardens up to £150  Village Hall £1,000  Poppy Appeal £100</p> <p>Following on from this it was identified that a more formal process and format should be agreed for such requests.</p> <p><b>Action -</b> L.E to draft a format for consideration and feedback.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Maintenance.</b>	<p>P.T gave quotes that he had received for new gates to the field. The quotes excluded fitting. Members of the Trust will take on the fitting.</p> <p>It was agreed to acquire more keys to the posts securing the gate.</p> <p><b>Action –</b> P.T to order 6 gate and keys to posts.</p> <p>Signage around speed across the golf course was discussed.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Trust re-structure</b>	<p>Discussion around benefits of acquiring members with professional skill sets.</p>
		<p>Meeting closed 9.30pm</p> <p>Next Meeting TBC 10<sup>th</sup> December 7,30 pm Village Hall.</p> <p><b>Action</b> L.E to book Village Hall.</p>