

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Trustees of the
Michael and Christine Foulger Charitable Trust
Thursday 7th July 2022 19:30**

Present:

Mary-Anne Burch, John Elldred, Mark Hunter, Carol Parsons, and Melvyn Wooding.

2022.17 Appointment of John Elldred as Chair of the meeting *(being the longest serving representative trustee).*

In the absence of the Chair of Trustees (Kaye Pentland), the Trustees agreed their unanimous approval to appoint John Elldred as the Chair of this meeting.

2022.18 Welcome from the Chair and Apologies for absence.

John Elldred welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for apologies – Kaye Pentland.

2022.19 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 2022.

The Trustees agreed their unanimous approval and the Chair was **AUTHORISED** to sign the minutes.

2022.20 Report from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that since the last meeting, one grant enquiry has been received, and will be considered later in the meeting.

At 24 Duchy Close, the green waste bin service was renewed on 13th April. A window handle had seized, and the mixer tap had started leaking, and these had been repaired.

The EPC assessor inspected the property in late May, and due to the installation of an electric immersion heater, as a backup to the gas boiler, the energy efficiency rating (EER) has improved from Band D to Band C. This will be the new minimum band for rental properties from 2025.

The insurance was renewed on 8th June, and the windows and gutters were cleaned on 30th June.

In July the boiler was serviced and the landlord gas safety certificate was issued.

The accounts showed a balance of **£195,998.65**, down **£207.23** on the start of the year.

Total grants approved to date are **£95,209.73**.

The Virgin Charity Deposit issue 5 account rate was 0.1% AER. Converting this to a Charity Instant Access Account would give 0.4% AER.

The Trustees **RESOLVED** to look at alternate accounts for the next meeting.

2022.21 To consider Grant requests.

a) **GA22-004 Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council** - application for part-funded sound system upgrade at the Village Hall.

Carol Parsons did not vote on this item

The Trustees **RESOLVED** to approve the grant application, and to thank Adrian Dale for his generous offer of installing the floor box.

2022.22 To approve the Clerk's expenses (Jan – Jun 22).

The Clerk advised of the [expenses](#) for the first half of the year.

The Trustees **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's expenses.

2022.23 To consider a loyalty scheme nomination from the tenants for 2022.

The Clerk advised the tenants had nominated getting blinds for the windows (apart from the dining room blind, as that was fitted just after they moved in).

The Trustees **RESOLVED** to approve the nominated works (4:1 majority).

2022.24 Any other business raised by Trustees.

None.

2022.25 Date of the next meeting.

The Trustees would look to meet in 6 months' time, or sooner if a grant application is received. The Clerk to circulate dates.

Kaye Pentland
Chair of the Trustees