**WHATLEY COMMON GOOD TRUST**

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.00 pm, The George Inn, Nunney.

**Attendees** Nigel Brock, Olly Goodden, Stephanie Greshon, Martin Payne, Sue Pollock, Andrew Bramston, Richard Evans, Davin Kenwood

**1. Open forum** during which members of the public are allowed to speak. There were no other attendees apart from bidders for funds (see below)

**2. Apologies** None

**3. Annual meeting to report on past year’s activity** MP went through the report. Halecombe are funding defibrillators and Heidelberg are installing them, so there will be no demands on Trust funds. There were no other points raised from the report.

**4. Minutes of meeting on 3rd January 2024** These were agreed as a true record.

**ACTION** OG to inform WP that bid for funding for improving the path at the edge of the field approved up to £650 - Done

**ACTION** OG ask for update on church water supply for next meeting. Paul Gay has reported that the PCC gave Bristol Water the notice they need to take action and next week they are due to let him know when they can make the connection. Everything at his end is complete and ready.

**ACTION** SG to check for Skipton interest update online and explore higher rates available. **ACTION** To be reported by SG at the next meeting.

**ACTION** OG to send minutes to Andrew Bramston and Will Palmer. Done

**ACTION** OG to inform Lorna Thomas of how money is spent each quarter and funds are reducing, for parish magazine, referring to detail on website. **ACTION** Will be done in time for the next edition.

**5. Applications for funding:**

Andrew Bramston: Installation of new heating and lighting in Chantry Church. 40 people attended a meeting last week, following on from a meeting and survey in 2019 to improve the use of the church. An agreement has been reached with the CoE to develop community use. It has been agreed to install infrared heating and LED lighting. Fundraising has started, currently at £23000, the target is £45000. Lenders have agreed to provide interim funds. £5000 is bid from Trust funds for electrical insulation. The parish council is keen to share projects across the three villages. SG confirmed that an audit trail is needed for accounts. MP raised issue of need for parking provision in Chantry. Bid agreed.

Ellie Swinhoe: Chantry Snowdrop Festival. Richard spoke for ES. Shepton attracts many visitors to its festival which raises funds for the community. The intention is to mirror in a couple of years. Bulbs are expensive due to rarity. ES could attend next meeting if necessary. Others are supporting her in the project. She is applying for matched funding. SG is aware of other potential funders. It was agreed to invite ES to next meeting and ask for matched funding.

Davin Kenwood: Equipment for Mells Scout Group. Group has no funds since the previous leader left. Mells Fete organisers have asked scouts to take part in axe-throwing connected to the medieval theme. The scout leader is trained in safety etc Funding is needed for a temporary shelter, axes for various fetes etc which will help fundraising. Matched funding has been promised from Tarmac. The intention is to improve recruitment from parish, publicise in parish mag and Facebook. Application to Trust is for £425. SG requested an invoice and proof of purchase. Bid agreed.

**6. Previous applications – updates** See (4) above.

**7**. **Finances - report from Treasurer on annual accounts and current finances** NatWest balance as of 12/12/23 is £8217,49 after paying Whatley church bid. Skipton balance as of September was £23945.01. Interest for 2023 has not been added yet.

**8. Any other business** (including action points from last minutes not otherwise covered) None

**9. Dates of future meetings**

3/7/24 2/10/24 8/1/25 2/4/25

Meeting ended at 20.35