

TOWN ESTATE CHARITY (Charity No: 259585)

(Formerly the Embankment Enclosure Trust)

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Misson Community Centre on
Tuesday 25th June 2019**

Present:

Jayne Watson (Chair), Mark Watson, Julie Watkins, Andrea Wilcox, Andy Woolliams

Around a dozen residents attended

1. Jayne Watson was elected as Chairman (proposed Julie Watkins, seconded Mark Watson)
2. Peter Edwards was elected as Vice-Chairman (proposed Mark Watson, seconded Andrea Wilcox)
3. To receive apologies for absence. Peter Edwards, Jamie Sutherton
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2019. Approved and signed as a true record.
5. To consider matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda. None
6. To receive the Chairman's report for the year ending 31st March 2019 including a presentation on the charity's stewardship plans for Line Bank Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Chairman gave her report as a visual presentation – "A Misson Jewel – the delights of Line Bank SSSI for residents and wildlife".
 - The key issues were outlined including: off-road vehicle damage, fly tipping, poaching, lack of sufficient habitat management, disease threats such as ash die back, Line Bank remains a hidden gem to many residents despite the public bridleway running through the site which has been promoted in a walks leaflet.
 - The action plan was explained including: the production of a Forestry Commission approved Woodland Management Plan, obtaining a Felling Licence, applications for Countryside Stewardship funding to deliver the habitat management plans, promotion and maintenance of the public right of way, interpretation of the important flora and fauna for residents enjoyment through information and activities.
7. Questions from the public included:
 - Does the TEC still fund projects proposed by residents? M. Watson explained the history and aims of the various charitable funding coming together within the Town Estate Charity and the decision of TEC managers to consider schemes that benefit the whole of the parish as priorities.
 - Residents raised the issue of rats being prevalent in a number of village locations and could the TEC help with this. The Chairman invited concerned residents to approach her (in confidence if required) as Chairman of Misson Parish Council, and/or Mark as Bassetlaw District Council Member, to take their issues forward. The issue is also an agenda item at the next MPC meeting in July.
8. To review progress with the Countryside Stewardship Scheme applications for Line Bank.
 - The Secretary reported that the Higher Tier application had been submitted and receipt acknowledged for the May deadline. Evaluation will involve further discussion with the

Forestry Commission which will take place before November when a grant offer will be made or rejected. If successful a scheme valued at circa £6,291 will be in place for January 2020 lasting five years.

- The Secretary reported that work is ongoing on the Mid-Tier Stewardship application for submission in July. Once again, if successful a scheme valued at circa £1,900 will be in place for January 2020 lasting five years.
 - The Woodland Management Plan grant of £1,000 has been claimed for and paid by RPA
9. To approve the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019. Managers approved the accounts which were signed by the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.
10. To sign cheques for payment. Managers had resolved to open a CAF 12 month fixed rate (1.4%) deposit account with Shawbrook Bank, with an initial deposit of £25,000 at their last meeting and now resolved to make a deposit.
- Managers approved the following cheques for payment:

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
000076	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	£ 1,000.00
000077	Town Estate Charity (to open a CAF Fixed Rate Saver)	£25,000.00

11. Correspondence. None