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**Minutes of Charity Committee  
Monday 4 June 2018**

**Present:** B Hall, C Hatley, P Holmes, J Howard, L Johnson, J Martin, C Platten, C Rickard  
plus invited guests N Drake and P Thurlby

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<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> L Mitchell and R Small (invited guest). C Platten welcomed Nick Drake and Pete Thurlby.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Notes of meeting of February 2018 and matters arising</b> Notes of the meeting of February 2018 were approved. All matters arising are items on this meeting's agenda.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Discussion paper and proposals attached – <i>Initiatives for the Land Extension next to the 'Rec' and Fassage Hall</i></b> Further to the information given on the agenda for this meeting, discussion arose around the idea of purchasing the said land and setting up an energy initiative to benefit the village.  Nick Drake had been invited to attend the meeting as his family own land in Burwell which has planning for 50 megawatt storage project. He is therefore knowledgeable on the subject, and did not think that, even on a smaller scale, it would be viable for us to pursue battery storage as location is paramount – ie it would need to be close to the National Grid., so near a large sub-station.  Peter Thurlby is currently involved in a project where he has been looking at investment opportunities, including vanadium flowback. He thinks it may be feasible for us to investigate 500 kilowatts or smaller if we are not concerned with feeding back to the grid, but just want to use the power. But batteries are expensive and we would need to weigh up usage, timing, etc.  <i>Proposals for the Trustees</i> Committee in general agreement with the proposals put forward on the agenda. The Trustees are due to meet with the Parish Council on 13 June to discuss a possible partnership agreement if we purchase the land. Suggestion that we call the land our village green, and it will then be held for the village in perpetuity.	

	<p>The question was raised regarding whether we purchase before we have definitive ideas on what we are going to do with the land – and if we have enough money.</p> <p>There is, £20,000 available from RCEF to assess proposals for generation, storage and distribution of electrical energy on the site of newly-acquired land, and it was agreed we bid for this feasibility money in association with PC if Bob Stevens wishes to be involved in a feasibility study</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Proposal from Joy Martin for delivery of ‘Defib’ courses to village community</b></p> <p>JM has delivered such courses for Reach villagers and would now like to do some for Lode. Committee agreed £200 towards costs of delivering at a possible reduced rate, and maybe offering free to under 18s and second family members.</p>	JM/CP
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Proposal: that the Lode Social Club Ltd Company should be wound up and that Company Directors resign their posts</b></p> <p>All in agreement and relevant papers circulated for signature.</p>	LJ
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Arrangements for Summer Picnic and Christmas Market – sponsors, volunteers, music, refreshments, other activities</b></p> <p>Summer picnic date set for Bank Holiday Monday – 27 August. CH, AH and LJ, and BH agreed to sponsor in case of a loss being made. Music to be organised by Julie Bristow (as last year) and morris dancer type troupe agreed may have a free pint each for their attendance.</p> <p>Christmas market will be in the church from 2 – 4 pm on Saturday, 8 December. Pauline to mastermind and advertise.</p>	All PH et al
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Discussion on future relationship of LLVT Committee and Trustees with Parish Council</b></p> <p>It was agreed to invite Rob Small be invited to join our committee as the Parish Council representative if agreeable with PC. It was also agreed that we do an annual report to the Parish Council at their open meetings.</p>	CP
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s report</b></p> <p>LJ provided copies of a summary of our finances. Redwood Bank account now active. LJ confirmed no tax payable.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOB - None</b></p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Dates of next meeting</b></p> <p>To be arranged for some time in November 2018.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Accounts check against paperwork</b></p> <p>CR to do this at home.</p>	CR