

**DRAFT Minutes of Thornton Rust Kennel Field Trust AGM  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Present.** D. Preston, J. Dinsdale, T. Freer, P. Pointon, K & P Raven, J. Thomson, L. Denny, P. Noake, P. Connick, D. Millward

**Apologies.** J. Day, M & A Aspden, J & L Cassely, C. Denny

**Minutes** of the Feb 6th 2019 AGM were read and accepted

**Matters Arising** Work on the Mash House had been completed by J.Dinsdale and M. Donno. The information Board had been installed by D. Preston with help from the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The new bench had been completed and installed by J. Dinsdale and M. Donno. All present were thanked and the secretary would write and thank M.Donno.

**Chairman's Report.** J. Dinsdale pointed out that the AGM was 6 months late and reported on a period of ups and downs. During this time two Trustees, Graham Darlington and David Pointon had died and would be sadly missed. Three trees were to be planted in their memory (the third for Michael Thomson).

The Trust had held a well attended "picnic" in the Village Institute to celebrate 20 years since the purchase of the field, and all the improvements to the site had been completed using the award from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

In March the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who had included the Kennel Field in their insurance portfolio, had informed us they could no longer do so. This had grave implications for this Trust as the only insurance found was astronomical.

**Future of the Trust.** The secretary explained that with an income of just £40 pounds from our grazier, and agri-environment payments no longer available, the Trust could not afford to continue in its current form. An insurance of just under £500 pa was not sustainable. There are two options available, either to gift the field to the YWT, who would then, understandably, impose their own working practices, as befits a large land management organisation, or gift it to the Parish, who also already own and insure local sites. A precedent had already been set whereby the Parish

agreed to take ownership of a site so that the benefits to the community remained. This latter option would mean that the Trust retained all the responsibilities for activities and management, and this was the option which the committee favoured.

There followed some discussion of the relative merits of each option and it was resolved unanimously that the Trust approach the Parish.

**Election of Trustees.** At their Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting the committee had co-opted three new Trustees, Lynda Denny, Penny Noake and Pip Pointon. These co-options now needed to be ratified by the annual general meeting. Janet Thomson proposed and David Preston seconded that all three become our new Trustees and the proposal was accepted unanimously. The secretary welcomed Tim Freer to his first KFT meeting and explained that as a parish councillor it was not necessary for him to be elected and they were pleased that he now felt well enough to attend.

**Treasurer's report.** Lynda Denny firstly paid tribute to Graham Darlington who had looked after the accounts for 20 years and was sadly missed by the village. She thanked the secretary for her assistance in dealing with the bank.

It was explained that in order for the treasurer and others to sign cheques on behalf of the Trust a new amended bank mandate had been drawn up.

Proposed by Penny Noake and seconded by Lynda Denny :-

*It was unanimously resolved that the Bank be appointed as bankers for the Trust and that a bank account or accounts be opened, and further accounts be opened as we may request from time to time, in the name of the Trust with the Bank. It was acknowledged that the account(s) shall be subject to the relevant Terms and Conditions published by the Bank and agreed to be bound by the Terms and Conditions.*

The accounts for the year 1st Feb 2019 – Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 were presented. The balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 was £3,900.54p  
She would invoice the grazier.

**Secretary's report.** Deborah Millward reminded the meeting that the annual report to the Charity Commission was needed.

There had been a change in the grazing period this year to allow early purple orchids to seed. A visit from a local WI was booked for Sept 5<sup>th</sup> and she would escort it.

**Maintenance.** JD had cleaned out the Mash house, sorted the door and repainted the flue, cleaned the new bench and re-varnished it, put a new fastener on the top gate and mended the arm of of the Parish seat. He was thanked for his hard work. It was noted that when fine the barn and Mash house doors needed wood preserving.