

ERNEST STEVENS TRUSTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Monday 3rd February, 2014 at 5.00 p.m.
Wollescote Hall, Stevens Park, Wollescote Road, Stourbridge

PRESENT:-

Councillor Cowell (Chair);
Councillor Hanif (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Partridge, Mrs Rogers, Sykes and C Wilson

OFFICERS

Solicitor, Principal Tax Accountant and Assistant Principal Officer
(Democratic Services) – Richard Sanders (Directorate of Corporate
Resources).

13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of
Conduct, were made by the following Members:

Councillors Cowell and C Wilson – Non pecuniary interests in view of
their being Trustees of Mary Stevens Hospice.

Councillor Mrs Rogers – Non-pecuniary interest as Chair of the Friends
Group for Mary Stevens Park and Swinford Common. Also in relation to
her involvement with the Project Implementation Team - Heritage Lottery
Bid for Mary Stevens Park and attendance at stakeholder meetings.

14 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October, 2013 be
approved as a correct record and signed.

15 **FOUNDATION TRUST - APPLICATIONS**

A report of the Treasurer was submitted on bids from Age Concern,
Stourbridge and Halesowen for a grant towards a telephone system and
the provision of a Victor Wet-Dry Mobile Bain Marie Trolley, both of which
items had already been purchased by the organisation, and from the
Friends of Swan Pool Park in the sum of £5,000 towards the cost of a
Youth Shelter and replacement benches at the park.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the application on behalf of Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen be refused since the equipment has already been supplied and because the Committee is satisfied that the organisation is sufficiently funded from elsewhere.
- (2) That the application by the Friends of Swan Pool Park be supported in principle but that consideration of a grant be deferred for further information to be obtained on the outcome of the applications for finance from the other funding streams referred to in paragraph 17 of the report now submitted and for discussions with the Friends Group to be entered into regarding better value for the project that could be obtained from the furniture being purchased from Dudley MBC.

16 STEVENS PARK AND RECREATION GROUND FOUNDATION TRUST
– LAND AND BUILDINGS REVALUATIONS

A report of the Treasurer was submitted updating the Committee on revaluation figures for the various trust funds. The revaluations were set out in Appendix 1 to the report and would be reflected in the accounts to 31st March, 2014.

Plans of agricultural land held by the Trusts were circulated by the Treasurer.

In the discussion on the report, reference was made by a member to the need for additional parking spaces at Mary Stevens Hospice to be provided to mitigate wear to grass verges and on proposals to obtain quotations for the construction of a number of spaces.

RESOLVED

That the report now submitted be noted.

17 DIANE ROBBINS

This being the last meeting that Mrs Robbins would be attending pending her retirement from the service of the Council in March, the Chair and other Members thanked Mrs Robbins for her excellent service to the Stevens Trusts and the Management Committee and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The meeting ended at 6.05 p.m.

CHAIR

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