

**Notes of a Milton Abbas Street Fair Trustees' meeting held at The Hambro Arms
on Monday 21st September 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

Present: - David French – Chair (DF), Jennifer Harrison (JH), Nigel Hodder (NH), Brian Isherwood (BI),
Stephanie Kogels (SK), Freddy Robinson (FR) Susan Woodhouse (SW)

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1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from John Widdowson (JW) as he was travelling back from Cumbria.	
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th March 2020	The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.	
3. Matters Arising	There were none.	
4. Conflicts of Interest	No new declarations and nothing relevant to current agenda.	
5. Ratification of Email Decisions	<p>Following the last meeting all Trustees had agreed the following by email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cancellation of the Trustee meeting originally scheduled for 30th June 2020 – replaced by today's meeting. • In March 2020 it was unanimously agreed to recommend to Members that the 2020 AGM – originally scheduled for 29th April 2020 – be postponed indefinitely due to Government restrictions on meetings, etc. as a consequence of the outbreak of Covid-19. • In May 2020 it was unanimously agreed to award an emergency grant of £2,000 to Tregonwell Almshouses Trust to help with the replacement of a gully to the rear of the building. • In June 2020 it was unanimously agreed to accept the Accounts and Trustee Report for financial year 2019-2020. 	
6. Revised Trustee Report 2019-20	<p>NH advised that a few revisions had been necessary to make the Trustee Report more relevant following the postponement of the AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sentence relating to reappointment of Trustees due to retire under the rotation mechanism was amended. The Trustees in question will now continue until such time as the AGM can take place. • A sentence regarding a Reserves Policy has been added to the Financial Review section. • The "Declaration" date has been updated to the date of today's meeting. <p>The revised document was unanimously agreed and will (once signed by the Secretary) form part of the Accounts and Trustee Report package which will ultimately be sent to the Charity Commission.</p>	NH

<p>7. Street Fair 2021</p>	<p>NH opened the discussion by summarising the responses to consultation with Residents of The Street and Beneficiaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no Beneficiaries likely to find themselves financially embarrassed if the Fair is postponed. A response had been received from 75% of those approached. • 75% of Residents who responded were happy for their frontages to be used if we were given a green light for a Fair in 2021. However, a number of them expressed a view that perhaps it would be better to consider postponement to 2022 when the Covid-19 situation would (hopefully) be a lot clearer! • One view in particular was considered – the Post Office owners had indicated they would be unlikely to open under the circumstances despite it being the busiest day of every two year cycle. Many people use the P.O. to obtain cash on the day in the absence of significant electronic payment systems. <p>SK observed that for future Fairs, a means of providing card payments for entry and stallholder purchases is essential. FR responded that the Org Comm had always planned for this to be investigated and nothing has changed in that respect irrespective of when the next Fair is held.</p> <p>FR summarised her consultations with the Org Comm stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that they needed a minimum of 9 months to properly organise a Fair which was why we were meeting today. The Org Comm currently has 3 vacancies now following the departure from the village of the Stalls Coordinator; a need for a new Secretary and Treasurer has already been highlighted. This meant that the likelihood of a “new” inexperienced Org Comm would possibly struggle to meet the 9 month deadline if the Fair remains in its current format. • that the operational Covid 19 safe requirements and costs e.g. social distancing, hygiene including toilets, catering etc. would be excessive regardless of size of Fair/number of attendees. • that the majority of the Org Comm favoured postponement of the Fair to 2022. <p>JH proposed that the Street Fair in its current form should be delayed until July 2022 at the earliest. A further review should take place immediately prior to the 2021 AGM. This was seconded by SK and passed unanimously.</p> <p>NH advised that an article would be prepared for the November issue of The Bulletin as we were too close to the deadline for October.</p> <p>SW then turned the discussion to how we might “celebrate” the date of the Fair (31st July 2021) and a number of possibilities were considered including each Resident hosting a picnic on their front lawn; an online raffle or auction. It was left to the Org Comm to consider options. We could ask villagers for their thoughts – perhaps in the same article advising the cancellation.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>NH</p>
<p>8. A.O.B.</p>	<p><u>Street Fair Shed</u> – FR asked whether it had been repaired. Not known but suggested she may wish to discuss with Paul Callaway as David Duncombe-Anderson was unavailable.</p> <p><u>Skittle Alley</u> – BI reminded the Trustees that we had agreed to move this which is still at Michael Coleman’s (MC) farm, but recent events had got in the way. NH suggested that while MC was not asking for it to be moved it might be easier to leave well alone but, if MC does subsequently seek its removal, it can be moved to the Sports Field reasonably quickly.</p>	<p>FR</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>The date of the next meeting will be not be later than March 2021 (y/e is 28/02/21)</p>	

