Ide Parish Council

Pynes Community Orchard Working Group

MINUTES of a Meeting held at 6pm on 1 August 2018

 at The Halt, 1 Station Road , Ide

1. Present: Peter Cloke (Chairman), Nick Bradley (Parish Council Chairman), Richard Sharman, Trevor Gardner, Andrew Bragg and Philip Willcock.

2. Apologies received from: Mark Thomas, Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk), Carolyn Tysoe and Julian Perrett.

3. Barry Hookins had contacted the chairman to tender his resignation from the group.

4. **Treasurer.** PC welcomed Phil Willcock to his first meeting as Hon Treasurer to the PCOWG.

5. **Minutes.** The minutes from the meeting held on 20 June 2018 were approved.

6**. Prospectus.** NB reported that draft 3 of the Prospectus had been approved by the Parish Council at its meeting of 25 July 2018.

7. PC reported that the summary and the full versions of the **prospectus** were with printers who have given cost quotations and advice.

8. **Heads of Agreement.** NB reported that we had received no heads of agreement for the purchase yet from the Church Commissioners. It was agreed that we should press ahead as fast as possible with negotiating the annual licence to rent for three years. **ACTION: NB**

9. **Licence.** Andy Bragg agreed again to be the named person as licensee on behalf of the Parish Council and its PCOWG.

10. **Boundaries.** PC expressed his view that we should clarify and resolve, when negotiating heads of agreement, any outstanding issues over boundaries of the orchard.

11. **Finance.** We discussed the pros and cons of setting up the project as a social business, as a way of benefitting from the tax rebate arrangements provided on such schemes. But we agreed the nature of our project is not primarily or obviously commercial; and that to make it so would require an unreasonable amount of research, work and expense for a possible, yet uncertain gain.

12. **Next meeting.** Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 5.30pm at The Halt, 1 Station Road, Ide.

 END.

NCAB, minutes approved at PCOWG meeting on 19 Sept 2018

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