

# Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Rampton Parish Council acting as the Corporate Trustee, together with the co-opted Trustees of the above charity, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 at Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, DN22 0JU. The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

<b>Present</b>	Sue Kyle	Corporate Trustee Chairman
	Muriel Arden	Vice-Chair
	Libby Hauton	Corporate Trustee
	Felicity Ferriter	Corporate Trustee
	Barry Bullimore	Corporate Trustee
	Selena Eyre	Co-opted Trustee

**Also, present** Ed Knox, Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

74 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the Trusteeship **resolved to accept** the apologies from Ivor Lewin due to illness

75 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the Trusteeship **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

76 Declarations of Interest

None.

77 To Issue A Response to the 'Roundabout' newsletter from the Trustees, regards Over 60's Afternoon Teas

The Chairman explained that following the resignation of Cllr Hawkins from the Parish Council, Mrs Hawkins wrote an article for the Roundabout to Publish. The proposed article was initially rejected by the Roundabout editorial team who decided to alter the 'tone/wording' of the article.

The Roundabout editorial team wish to hear the Trustees side of the subject matter. The purpose of this agenda item was for the trustees to provide an accurate response for publication.

After discussion, the trustees unanimously **resolved** to publish the following:

### **Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity Trustees Statement**

*"The minutes of the charity are available on-line at <https://www.ramptonandwoodbeck-pc.gov.uk/coles-moorpool-and-the-eyre-st-t.html>*

*In 2017 the three, small dormant former charities of Moorpool Charity, Coles' Charity and The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity merged to ensure their continuation. The St Thomas & Coles' income of the charity is for relieving persons resident in the parish who are in conditions of Need, Financial hardship or Distress by making small grants of money or providing for or paying towards items, utility bills, services or facilities; and in the spirit of the original remit of Coles' Bread Charity, help to persons in need toward food costs.*

*Initially the charity was being underutilised and the trustees sought ways funds could benefit people across the parish, within the remit of the charity. The Trustees initially thought that funds could be potentially allocated to one age group, and the over 60's Afternoon Tea was the outcome.*

*The reasoning behind the Afternoon Teas was to approach the senior residents of the Parish, with the positive effect of reaching out to elderly, potentially isolated people, allowing them to socialise and make new friends.*

*22 people attended the first afternoon tea. In an effort to try to increase these numbers, the trustees decided at the November 2018 meeting to promote it widely, so that every person aged 60+ across the parish was aware.*

*Over the summer of 2019, documentation relating to the true purpose of the Moorpool section of the charity came to light, which cast into question the charities ability to single out one age group to benefit from the profits of the charity.*

*The documentation specified that the Moorpool Profits must be spent generally within the parish for the potential benefit of everyone forevermore, to benefit all ages in a generally charitable way.*

*Therefore, 2 thirds of our small expenditure must be, at the discretion of the trustees, on reliving persons in the parish in need and 1 third has to be on general charitable purposes in the parish to potentially benefit all ages.*

*Finance was an additional reason for the decision to withdraw the funding. The Charity has a small annual income after admin costs (Insurance) of £1,200.*

*In the past year the trustees have helped two critically ill local residents from the charity. With a small income, the trustees can only do so much. In an effort to try to maximise income for the long-term future of the charity, to be able help more people in need, the trustees took the decision to reinvest half of the annual income.*

*Therefore, at the September Charity Meeting, because it has come to light that the charity cannot support only one demographic age group, the trustees agreed it cannot continue to fund over 60's afternoon teas.*

*Rampton Village Hall regularly promotes a wide array of activities for people of all ages, including Whist, Bingo, Chair Yoga, Time to Craft and specifically for the over 60's the Evergreen Club. C&T also offer a valuable service to everyone during the winter months on a Monday & Tuesday morning.*

*At Woodbeck, there is Woody's Bar and community centre which also provides bingo and other social events which means the less mobile of Woodbeck & Rampton have opportunity to attend somewhere close to their own doorstep.*

*The District Councillor has provided a small grant to the Evergreen Club to help ensure its continuation in the hope that more over 60's residents will join it.*

*The Trustees are pleased to hear that those who attended enjoyed the afternoon teas and through the kind donation from two anonymous businessmen, it will allow Mrs Hawkins to continue to run an Afternoon Tea for the Over 60's.*

*We trust this clarifies the situation.*

*Trustees of Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity."*

After further discussion, trustees unanimously **resolved** that any future event or service, which requires a trustee to purchase something, will be done jointly with a minimum of 2 trustees undertaking the shopping/purchases.

78 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:00PM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_