

5 May 2021

Malvern Hills Trust

Special Meeting of the Board

By video/telephone conference and live stream

Wednesday 5 May 2021 7.00 pm

Present: Mr C Atkins, Mr D Baldwin, Mr R Bartholomew, Dr E Chowns, Mr D Core, Dr G Crisp, Mr M Davies (Chair), Mr M Dyde, Mr D Fellows, Mr R Fowler, Mrs H I'Anson, Mrs C Palmer, Dr T Parsons, Mr C Penn, Prof J Raine, Mrs G Rees, Mr C Rouse (left before item 6), Ms H Stace, Mr T Yapp.

In attendance: CEO, Secretary to the Board, Finance and Administration Manager, Community and Conservation Officer, Conservation Manager.

Mr Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Ms M Alexander, Dr S Braim, Mr J Michael, Mrs L Hodgson, Ms S Rouse

2. Chair's announcements

As from 7 May the Trust could no longer hold virtual meetings. Because of the Covid restrictions it was extremely difficult to hold meetings before 21 June. It was intended to postpone any non-urgent meetings until after that date. A consultation was being conducted by the Government on the future of virtual meetings.

3. Declarations of interest

Prof Raine confirmed that he lived quite close to the land in question, but he did not consider that he had a conflict of interest.

Mr Rouse said he had a personal interest as he was renting one of the parcels of land and had rented some of the others in the past.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Date of next meeting

To be advised.

6. Confidential

On the proposal of Mr Davies, seconded by Mrs Rees, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to exclude the public for discussion of item 7 on the agenda on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the exempt or confidential nature of the business to be transacted (commercially sensitive).

The meeting closed at 9.15pm