

BARTON BENDISH POOR'S ALLOTMENT CHARITY

c/o Mrs Sharon Sweet (Clerk to Trustees)

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Dear Parish Council

The Barton Bendish Poor's Allotment Charity is currently conducting a review of its governance. As part of that review it has come to light the Trustees of the charity, listed in the governing document held by the Charities Commission, are in fact:

- The current Lord of the Manor
- The local Rectors
- The churchwardens
- The Parish Council

The Poor's Allotment Charity is in the process of contacting all the individual ex officio Trustees to make them aware of the situation and ask if they wish to be involved with the charity (if they do not wish to be involved, they can choose to rescind their individual positions of ex-officio Trustees).

The Parish Council is a corporate Trustee of the Poor's Allotment Charity. On behalf of the Charity I am writing to ask the Parish Council to resolve at a meeting to accept the role of corporate Trustee for Barton Bendish Poor's Allotment Charity and to appoint one, preferably two, representatives from the Councillors to act on behalf of the council.

It should be noted that if *all* the individual ex-officio trustees rescind their positions, the Parish Council, as a corporate body, will become the sole corporate trustee of the charity.

The next step will be for the Trustees, to consider appointing a committee to manage the charity. The committee can be made up of Trustees and volunteers from the community. This will enable the people who are currently known as Trustees to be appointed as committee volunteers and they will be able to continue to manage the charity's activities. Draft Terms of Reference for the new committee will be presented to the Trustees in due course.

On behalf of the charity I look forward to hearing from the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sharon Sweet

Clerk to Trustees of Barton Bendish Poor's Allotment Charity