

Corporate Policy & Resources Committee



9 December 2024

Title	Appointment of Representative Trustee - Laleham Charities – Hodgson and Reeve
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
Report Author	<i>Christeen Abee, Senior Democratic Services Officer</i>
Ward(s) Affected	Laleham and Shepperton Green Riverside and Laleham
Exempt	Report: No Appendix 1: Yes
Exemption Reason	Appendix 1 is exempt as it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision.
Recommendations	<p>Committee is asked to:</p> <p>Agree the appointment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Barry Morgan</i> • <i>Jo Smith</i> <p>As charity trustees for a period of four years as requested by the Charity.</p>
Reason for Recommendation	The Council has a duty to appoint representative trustees to charities whose charity scheme dictates appointments should be made by the Council.

1. Summary of the report

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council makes two appointments to Laleham Charities – Hodgson and Reeve as set out in their charity scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two trustees terms are due to expire in December, and the Council is responsible for appointing trustees to this Charity.
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps

- The Committee to appoint trustees to the Charity.

- The Committee should agree nominations so the trustees positions can be confirmed.

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement to the proposed appointment of representative trustees to the Laleham Charities – Hodgson and Reeve.
- 1.2 The Charity provides relief either generally or individually to persons resident in the area of the Ancient Parish of Laleham who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress.
- 1.3 The Charity has three trustees, two of which are appointed by Spelthorne Borough Council for a term for four years. The Council last made appointments to this Charity in December 2020.
- 1.4 The Charity was advised their trustees terms were expiring and were encouraged to advertise any vacancies. The Charity informed the Council with the names of the trustees they wished the Council to reappoint: Barry Morgan and Jo Smith. Their credentials are set out in Appendix 1. In accordance with the Charity Appointments Procedure, the ward councillors were informed of the nominations.
- 1.5 In accordance with the Charity Appointments Procedure, both the Charity and ward councillors have been invited to speak regarding their nominations.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 The responsibility for appointing to charities was moved into the remit of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee following a review of committee terms of reference in May 2024.

3. Options analysis and proposal

- 3.1 Option one (recommended): agree the charity's nominations as proposed.
- 3.2 Option two (not recommended): Do not approve the nominations. As the Council appoints the trustees, this would cause a lapse in the positions being filled until the meeting they could be appointed. This may cause upset with the charity and the local community.

4. Financial management comments

- 4.1 There are none.

5. Risk management comments

- 5.1 If the Council were not to approve the nominations, this would cause a lapse in the positions being filled until the next meeting they could be appointed. This may cause upset with the charity and the local community.

6. Procurement comments

- 6.1 There are none.

7. Legal comments

- 7.1 There are none.

8. Other considerations

- 8.1 There are none.

9. Equality and Diversity

9.1 There are none.

10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

10.1 There are none.

11. Timetable for implementation

11.1 The nominations will be effective on the passing of a resolution by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

12. Contact

12.1 Committee Services; committeeservices@spelthorne.gov.uk

**Please submit any material questions to the Committee Chair and Officer
Contact by two days in advance of the meeting.**

Background papers: *Laleham Charities – Mary Hodgson and Mary Reeve Charity
Commission Scheme dated 17 October 1985.*

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Credentials of nominees