

## APPENDIX 5

**From:** "Stephen Gauntlett" <>  
**To:** "lesley boniface"  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** Sat, 30 May 2020 at 8:41  
**Subject:** Re: Financial  
Thanks Lesley

Finances. I have given you all that I have from the bank etc.

AGM ...Problem is.. there is no point in having a new Constitution if the original one is disregarded.....

That states clearly the notice required for the AGM . “Not less than 21 days”. It was also called before the Committee was back to a constitutional minimum.

I have no objection to an AGM within the constitutional guidelines but it doesn’t have to be held during a period when most of us have other priorities and are” run ragged.”

It feels as if this process is a continuation of an “elimination “of previous Greenhavens Committee members!

Four of them and some others, are very bruised by their treatment and I feel compelled to defend their major personal commitment to the foundation of Greenhavens. To that, I suppose, must be added my own experience.

That applies in particular to the email exchanges between Karen with the last of those; Judy ,and by association those working with her (which happens to include Rose and other local friends) ,which in my judgement was totally uncalled for ...and now means that Seaford may form its local variation of “Greenhavens”.

I am very conscious that after the unilateral “dismissal” of Hannah as Treasurer; I am the only person with the bank mandate ; possibly the only recourse left to me is to dissolve the original Greenhavens and that (as in the constitution ), means returning money to the donors .

The informal legal and accountancy advice I have is that as Chair of LDC and Greenhavens, I should follow that course. That advice is clear; Facebook and Greenhavens website information containing the AGM notice and date does not constitute formal notice.

Therefore the so called AGM notice, quite apart from giving less than the constitutional 21 days, is invalid.

If after Wednesday 3/6/20 there is a “second Greenhavens”,I will write to Sussex Community Foundation, who donated £4000- so far not spent -to inform them that a “new “Greenhavens with a revised constitution has been formed and leave it to them to decide what they wish to do.

The bank account also includes £1000 from my discretionary Chair of LDC fund which will be returned for redistribution. This will go towards food banks etc for Covid relief.

That is because I cannot , in conscience , allow LDC funds to be used to subvert a multi agency climate change initiative intended to mitigate and support biodiversity resilience for the benefit of Lewes District .

Personally, I think that It will be a disgrace if the “new” Greenhavens turns its back on a really ground breaking SDNP led National Lottery bid which started off as 1 in 600, then won through to finals and is now in the final few.

Finally, I have never had any desire to continue as Chair of Greenhavens beyond my chairing of LDC (and with it my theme) which ( about time!.), is likely to end in July ..after 3 + years.

That does not mean that I have lost my commitment to the original objectives of Greenhavens!

I would simply urge caution.

Best wishes

Stephen

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On 29 May 2020, at 16:25, Lesley-Anne Boniface wrote:

Good afternoon Stephen

Was just wondering if there are any further financial details available - bank statements etc since the last one you sent?

If there's anything else you are able to handover I would be very grateful.

We haven't received any emails saying that Tuesdays AGM is unconstitutional, other than one, if there are any groups who still wish to object to the meeting going ahead they need to email asap. In your previous response you mention the "new" Greenhavens. We are not seeking to set up a new network, merely save the one we have.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Lesley

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