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**Minutes of decision made by email by the Board of Trustees of
the Open Spaces Society on 7 September 2020
regarding expenditure on commons re-registration project**

PRESENT Phil Wadey (chairman)
Stuart Bain
Graham Bathe
Chris Beney
John Hall
Simon Hunt
Chris Meewezen
Tara-Jane Sutcliffe
Steve Warr

IN ATTENDANCE Kate Ashbrook (general secretary)

COMMONS RE-REGISTRATION: REQUEST TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE

- 130/20 The finance committee (FC), consisting of Steve Warr (chairman), Stuart Bain, Tara-Jane Sutcliffe and Phil Wadey had considered a recommendation from the general secretary that we add a further £25,000 to the budget for commons re-registration this year, with the money coming out of the Jack Candy fund. The FC had unanimously agreed that we had the money available. The general secretary wished to have the trustees' approval for this additional expenditure.
- 131/20 In her paper, the general secretary explained that we had until 31 December 2020 to submit applications for the re-registration of commons in the seven pioneer areas (Blackburn with Darwen, Cornwall, Devon, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Kent and Lancashire). We had endeavoured to persuade the minister to extend the deadline because of the closure of the repositories due to the pandemic, but he had refused. We now had to work at top pace to submit as many applications as possible before the deadline. We could greatly increase our output if Landman Consultants employed a further two people to work on this. She estimated that the cost would be a maximum of £25,000 this year, with the possibility of further expenditure next year (to be included in the 2021 budget).

132/20 The balance in the Candy Fund at 31 August was £517,365 with one bill of about £2,500 outstanding. The budget for the project had originally been significantly higher but it had suffered from a slow start because we had been unable to find suitable people to do the work.

DECISION

133/20 The trustees were invited to send their decision by email. The trustees voted unanimously to spend up to a further £25,000 from the Candy fund this year on the commons re-registration project. The decision to proceed was therefore carried without the need for a meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Wadey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Phil Wadey
Chair of Trustees