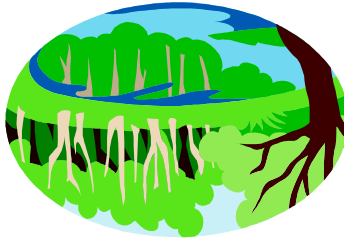


Moor Pond Wood Project, Papplewick



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 'THE FRIENDS OF MOOR POND WOOD' HELD ON FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT PAPPLEWICK VILLAGE HALL

In Attendance:

Mrs M Barker (Treasurer)	Mr & Mrs J Lee
Mr T Barker	Mr & Mrs K J Morton
Mr D Bodey (1803 Hucknall Air Training Corps)	Mr & Mrs M Passey
Mr T Buttle	Mr N Penlington
Mr I Griffiths (Chairman Papplewick Council)	Mr & Mrs R Preston
Mrs M Hollinrake (Secretary)	Mr & Mrs D M Smith
Mr & Mrs G Huggett	Mr P Stevenson (5 th Hucknall Scouts)
Mr & Mrs R Hull	Mrs M Stevenson
Mrs J Kendall	Mr C Womble
Mr & Mrs R Kerr	Mr S Walker (Chairman)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr & Mrs J Townsend, Mr & Mrs D Hubbard, Mrs C Hardstaff, Mr L Scudder, Mr B Smith, Mrs A Orton.

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM 2001

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 28 September 2001 were agreed subject to the following amendments:

In Attendance - Amend name Hardsaff to Hardstaff. Add the names of Mrs M Hull and Mrs P Morton.

Adoption of Membership Subscription - Add 'Families and Groups £2.00'.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Statements of Unaudited Accounts to 31 March 2002 and a Summary of Funding had been distributed to the meeting. Mrs Barker went through them then asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. Mr Walker thanked Mrs Barker for doing a wonderful job.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Walker stated that there was a measure of democracy within the group and that he was honoured to have lead the Committee. He said that work was still being done on the Archaeological Plan but an Archaeological Report had been received

and excavation work would be taking place through the Winter months. An Ecological Plan was also being looked at.

Papplewick Dam Wood - To date work done included clearing of the stream, paths strimmed, picnic area created by nettle clearance, ground levelled, raked and seeded, a hand-rail replaced, trees cut up and tidied, lay-by fenced, Ikea bird boxes erected, snowberry cleared and daffodils planted in lay-by. The 5th Hucknall Scouts did a good job of clearing the nettles for the picnic area and these were being controlled. There was also a joint project with the Gardening Club to plant wildflower plugs.

Moor Pond Wood - Two disabled gates had been erected. The surfacing of the paths will be completed when a gradient is built from the Papplewick Lane entrance. A new bridge has been created into the playing field. Oak trees have been thinned to open up the grassland and trees replanted in the main wood. The ATC has done a good job in building the dipping platforms. Over the last two years the Pond has been sprayed for invasive weed by the Environmental Agency who report that it has been successful. The Pond margins have been cleared back and the Willow used for the laying of hedges.

Grange Cottage Woods - Major work has taken place to fill in the bottle pits and level out the ground with topsoil. Plans are ahead to complete the fencing of the area, install a gate, and plan where the path will be.

Mr Walker stated that the future looked rosy with £19000 in the bank. The completion of the paths through the Wood had been agreed, a sculpture for Grange Cottage Woods was a possibility and it was hoped to obtain a grant to clear Moor Pond Wood of sycamores which would be replaced with other mature trees. Negotiations were taking place with local farmers to make a pathway from Papplewick Dam Woods through the meadows towards the church. There would be thinning and coppicing of Willow with possible replanting of Alder.

Mr Walker said that the Steering Group worked well and he showed the Greenwood trophy presented to them for team effort. The Scouts and the ATC had also been presented with awards and he thanked the Friends for all their support and asked if there were any questions.

Mr Preston asked if there were any plans to make space for car parking. Mr Walker said that there were none as yet but it was something to be discussed with Gedling District Council and Ashfield District Council.

Mr Preston mentioned that there was once a large reservoir and asked if there were any plans to revert back to this. Mr Walker answered that the Management Plan states that there must be an area of water and woodland.

Mr Griffiths said that there were interesting areas in the surrounding fields and asked if there were any plans to explore these. Mr Walker informed him that an Archaeological dig was planned for 13 October in the Grange Mill field.

On behalf of the Steering Group, Mrs Kerr thanked Mr Walker for all his hard work.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr Walker listed the Officers and Members of the Committee who were still standing and called for any nominations for new Committee Members. None were forthcoming.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee recommended that the subscriptions remained at the same level ie £1.00 per person, £2.00 per family and organisations. The Meeting agreed. Mrs Passey suggested that perhaps extra payment could be charged towards any Speaker's fees at the monthly meetings.

7. DATES FOR FUTURE FRIENDS' MEETINGS

There was agreement that future meetings would continue being held on the last Friday of the month and to start at 7.30pm.

There was a break for refreshments, raffle and sale of Ikea goods.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROJECT

Suggested subjects for future meetings included Tree Management, Identification of Birds and their Songs, Birds of Prey, Wildlife Photography, Insects and Archaeology of Moor Pond Sites.

Mrs Kendall suggested that a guided walk be organised to show the work which had been done.

A Fungi Walk was planned for 20 October. Suggestions were made to have another Bat Walk one evening and a Barbecue in Summer.

Ideas were put forward for the design of a sculpture in Grange Cottage Wood.

Mrs Kerr announced that she and Mr P Stevenson were looking at photographs and format for the 2003 Calendar and they would be available for sale very soon.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.22 HOURS.