

**MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th JULY 2004**  
**AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK.**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs M Hull	Treasurer of the Friends Group
	Mrs M Kerr	Vice Chairman
	Mrs M Passey	Friends' Group
	Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends' Group

**1. APOLGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mr Terry Buttle who no longer worked for Notts. County Council, Mrs Pam Clark and Mrs Claire Hardstaff.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2004**

Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs Passey and agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Tree Survey** (Page 1) Mr Walker reported he had undertaken further survey work with 560 trees logged and 415 surveyed. A work evening was suggested to finish the tagging. Further blank tags to be ordered and used where existing numbered ones had been removed. Mrs Clark to be asked to submit a further order as necessary. Thanks were expressed to Mr Walker for carrying out the further surveying. Mrs Barker confirmed letters of thanks had been sent to the ATC cadets who had helped and Mrs Rowan Huggett who had provided the refreshments.

**Notts. Community Foundation Grant – Bridging the Gap** (Page 1) Mr Scudder confirmed the bridge was under construction by the Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers. Fixing bolts had been ordered. Mr Walker reported that at a meeting on site with Richard Sheppard, the archaeologist had suggested a trench be put in near to the foundations of the bridge and this was noted.

**BTCV Insurance** (Page 1) Mrs Hull had approached several insurance companies but not one was prepared to insure the GPS and measuring equipment at a reasonable premium. The donation of the equipment to the Parish Council to enable it to be covered under its insurance was discussed. Mr Walker felt it should be covered under his own insurance but Mrs Clark to be asked to ascertain if the Parish Council's insurers would quote.

**Grange Cottage Wood** (Page 2) Mr Scudder reported some stone picking had been undertaken but scarifying was needed on the area levelled. The new ootpath to be installed in the autumn.

**Invertebrate Survey** (Page 3) Draft report received and copies distributed at the meeting. Mrs Barker confirmed a copy had also been sent to Mrs Rider at the Countryside Agency. Mr Walker confirmed Dr Kirby was to make two further visits before producing his final report.

**Water Shrews** (Page 3) Mr Scudder confirmed he had received the tubes.

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Beth Gardner confirming she would be leaving the County to take up a post with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

Letter of thanks sent to Ian Smith at Papplewick Pumping Station for his excellent guided tour on the 25th June.

#### 5. **ACCOUNTS**

Invoice of £442 received from Mr Alan Cordin for removing the dead wood and vegetation from Moor Pond. Mrs Clark to be asked to pay the invoice out of the Powergen grant.

#### 6. **LHI GRANT APPLICATION – Phase II Archaeological Proposals**

A brief had been produced and sent to both Trent & Peak Archaeological Unit and Ursilla Spence at the Sherwood Initiative Archaeological Programme. A copy was circulated to the committee members together with reports and proposals produced by both parties. These were discussed at length and it was resolved to:-

- (a) Instruct Trent & Peak to undertake work around Moor Pond as detailed in the brief and Richard Sheppard's quotation dated 12th July. Total cost approximately £11,000 plus VAT.
- (b) Instruct Sherwood Initiative Archaeologists to undertake research and works to the value of £6,000 plus VAT.

Work to commence in Autumn 2004 with completion six months from 1st October 2004. A meeting to be arranged with both groups once confirmation received that LHI will fund the Phase II application.

Relatives of Nan Greatrex to be contacted to try and obtain further information about the site. Also the son of Maureen Wass.

#### 7. **OTHER GRANTS**

Mrs Kerr had spoken to BTCV regarding the People's Places Awards grant and as the group was eligible to apply she had obtained an application form. Mrs Kerr agreed to complete the form following discussion on several of the questions.

**WREN Grant** – Mr Scudder chasing.

#### 8. **FRIENDS' BBQ ON 30TH JULY**

The annual event to be held in Papplewick Dam was discussed and it was agreed a charge of £3.50 for Friends and £5 for guests. Mrs Barker confirmed Tim Hardstaff had agreed the barn at Grange Farm could be used if it rained. Keith Morton/Claire Hardstaff to be contacted regarding the skittles. Mrs Passey agreed to produce posters

and both she and Mrs Townsend agreed to deliver these to Friends. BBQ to commence at 7.00 pm and 60 to be catered for.

9. **ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED**

**BTCV Local Action Handbook** – discussed and noted suggestions for attracting new volunteers etc. Press release suggested on completion of Phase I and information regarding proposals for Phase II.

**Workdays:**                      Sunday 15th August  
Friday 27th August - Bat Walk meet at the Village Hall 8pm  
Sunday 5th Sept.  
Friday 17th Sept.        - AGM  
Friday 24th Sept.        - Barn Dance

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged