

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH 2004
AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK.

Present:

Mr S Walker	Chairman
Mrs M Barker	Secretary
Mr T Buttle	Nottinghamshire County Council
Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
Mrs M Kerr	Vice Chairman/Friends Group
Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council

The meeting originally arranged for Tuesday, 9th March had to be cancelled and rearranged for this date.

1. APOLGIES

Received and accepted from Mrs M Hull and Mrs D Townsend.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEEING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2004

It was noted that under those present Mrs Hull should have read Treasurer for the Friends Group and Mrs Passey a representative of the Friends. Also under speakers (Page 1) Chris Ryder would be giving a talk on the 26th March, not the 30th. With these amendments Mr Scudder proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs Passey and agreed

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Commemorative Seats (Page 1) Chairman confirmed a box of chocolates had been given to Mr W Tate who had carved the seat memorials. Mrs Barker stated the seats had been paid for and she had taken delivery of them. Mr Scudder agreed to collect them to place in secure storage at Kirkby.

It was agreed the memorial seat for Mrs Dawson should be installed sometime in April and that her daughter, Mrs Hardwicke, be invited to the seat dedication. Installation of the second seat in memory of Colin Passey to be undertaken once the area around the drain/dipping platform had been completed with a suitable area being provided.

Correspondence – Penn Associates (Page 1) No further news.

Speakers (Page 1) All agreed that the talk and demonstration by John Flanders had been very enjoyable. Letter of thanks sent. Chris Ryder confirmed he would talk to the Friends on the 26th March. Mrs Passey agreed to produce posters.

Hidden Valley (Page 1) Mrs Barker confirmed that following Government funding each County in the country was to have its own promotion organisation and

Enterprise Nottinghamshire was being set up. She hoped that the project to connect the Pumping Station via paths through the parish, in particular Moor Pond Wood, and through to the Hidden Valley might therefore receive more favourable consideration than it had from Gedling.

Correspondence – Seminar (Page 1) Mr Scudder confirmed four places booked for 22nd May in respect of himself, Mrs Barker, Mr Buttle and Mr Walker.

GPS System (Page 3) Mr Walker informed the meeting he did not have a receipt but was trying to obtain one.

Barn Dance (Page 3) Mrs Kerr confirmed the event made a profit of £386. Following its success Mr Walker had booked the same caller and group for the 24th September 2004. As this was due to be the Friends AGM evening he proposed that the AGM be held on Friday, 1st October, which was agreed. Mrs Hull to be asked to re-arrange the bookings.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

5. ACCOUNTS

Payments made:–

Cheque 000075 - University of Nottingham - £365 VAT £63.88 Total £428.88

Final report and claim now to be submitted to Countryside Agency for LHI grant. Mrs Barker confirmed Mrs Hollinrake had given her the final documentation in respect of the petty cash together with the 27p balance. Following discussion regarding petty cash Mrs Kerr proposed Mrs Barker request £25 from the Parish Council with a review as necessary. Seconded by Mr Walker and agreed.

In Mrs Hull's absence, Mrs Barker asked the Chairman to countersign the Friends cheque for the commemorative seat.

5. GRANTS

LHI - Mrs Barker read the letter from Richard Sheppard the archaeologist enclosing his final report. A copy of his report had been forwarded to the County Archaeologist, Mike Bishop. Agreed to invite Mr Bishop to a site meeting to talk about the report; review the project and discuss a way forward. Mr Scudder suggested the meeting be arranged after the drain area had been re-profiled. Meeting to be arranged to discuss a Phase II application to the Countryside Agency.

Forestry Grant – Mr Scudder and Mr Buttle preparing an application for the new financial year.

Community Champions – Mr Walker reported he had submitted a grant application for £1,100 a copy of which was given to the Secretary. Saturday, 15th May was the

agreed date to undertake the tree survey which, if the grant application was unsuccessful would be funded by the project.

Grange Cottage Wood – Mrs Barker confirmed she had spoken to Dave Collins re completion of the landscaping but he had been unable to get on site with his machinery due to ground wetness. Mr Walker to chase him when the land has dried out sufficiently.

Unfortunately, Mr Walker had to report bottle diggers had been on site. He suggested the holes be filled and covered with brush.

A further car accident was reported but this time the car had broken down the fence on the Moor Pond Wood side of Papplewick Lane. Mr Walker confirmed Councillor Richard Hull had taken a photograph and actually spoken to the owner requesting payment for the materials to repair the fence. Mrs Barker had also reported the matter to the police who agreed to write to the person concerned if no recompense was received.

WREN – Mr Scudder confirmed he had checked Notts. CC contribution had been paid but he was still waiting to receive final confirmation of the grant to fund the new footpath in Papplewick Dam. Mrs Barker suggested the Co-op's agent, Mr Hutchinson, be invited on site to see the work undertaken so far and discuss future plans.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Mr Scudder had submitted the application but further information had been requested. Firstly, a 'dissolution' clause in the constitution, which he had prepared for the Chairman to sign. Also an 'Equal Opportunity Statement' which again he had prepared and which was agreed. Chairman thanked Mr Scudder for producing the appropriate information.

Nottingham Building Society – To be considered

Living Spaces – Chairman suggested applying for a grant to create a path alongside the leat in Papplewick Dam.

7. POND

Mr Cordin still had to secure the wood taken out of the pond. Mr Scudder to speak to him. Noted the rise in water had levelled off.

Radio 4 programme on the nationwide problem of 'Crassula' discussed.

Mr Scudder confirmed he planned to re-profile the area around the drain to include the dipping platform and an area for the commemorative seat.

Mr Walker stated that his daughter and her 'Ranger' group would like to help the project in some way. He also reported that one of the steps leading from the Papplewick Lane entrance needed attention.

Mrs Barker suggested Gedling be contacted for further funding.

8. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Mrs Kerr thanked the Steering Committee for the gift that had been presented at her birthday party.

Mrs Barker reported that the barn dance organisers had discussed holding a New Year's Eve Party in the Village Hall. Noted that the hall had been booked and following discussion it was agreed this should be organised as a 'Friends' event.

Under the Biodiversity Action Plan Mr Scudder stated that if cuttings could be obtained from the black poplars in Papplewick, the Skegby Tree Nursery would propagate them. He was also hoping to obtain 'Plots Elm' saplings. Owners of Altham Lodge to be asked if cuttings could be taken.

Mr Scudder asked the meeting if anyone knew anything about a Countryside Agency award, as someone had approached him with regard to publicity following a presentation in London and about which he knew nothing. Mrs Barker confirmed his name had been put forward under the CA 'Heritage Star' scheme but she had not received any acknowledgement. She agreed to speak to the local CA office.

A floating nesting island was discussed and it was felt the 'Ranger's could help build one. Mrs Barker confirmed money was available for materials in the Powergen fund. Suggested the next workday be on Sunday 4th April when this could be organised.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Either 6th or 8th April subject to confirmation following discussion with the two absent members. To be at 7.45 and held again at 41 Main Street