

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6TH APRIL 2004
AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK.

Present:

Mr S Walker	Chairman
Mrs M Barker	Secretary
Mrs P Clark	Clerk to Parish Council
Mr T Buttle	Nottinghamshire County Council
Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
Mrs M Hull	Treasurer of Friends Group (arrived approx 8.30)
Mrs M Kerr	Vice Chairman/Friends Group
Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group
Mr C Womble	Friends Member

Chairman welcomed Mr Womble as a Friends Group member to the meeting

1. APOLGIES

None, but Mrs Hull would arrive late.

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

With Mr Rider's name to be corrected Mrs Passey proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs Kerr and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes (Page 1) Agreed that Mr Rider's talk on the 26th March had been a good presentation.

Commemorative Seats (Page 1) Memorial seat for Mrs Dawson installed and her daughter Mrs Hardwick very pleased with it. Photograph taken of her and Mr Walker. Mrs Kerr said the inscription had been well done.

GPS System (Page 2) Mr Walker confirmed he had given Mrs Hull a receipt and had now received a cheque for it.

Barn Dance (Page 2) Mrs Kerr queried the profit made. Mrs Hull confirmed should be £335.58. Mr Walker confirmed the Village Hall had been booked for another barn dance on the 24th September. As this was due to be the date of the Friends AGM it was agreed to held it on the 17th September – Mrs Hull to book the Village Hall.

Any Matters the Chairman Feels Needs to be Discussed (Page 4) Mrs Barker reported that she had spoken to Mr Gilbert of Altham Lodge and he was happy for Mr Scudder to take cuttings from the Black Poplars. Mrs Hardstaff had already given him a cutting.

Heritage Stars – Lee Scudder congratulated on wining the regional final for which he was presented with a certificate by Mr Rider of the Countryside Agency at the Friends evening on 26th March.

4. LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

Mr Walker explained the background to the initial application for the benefit of new committee members. A Phase II application was discussed. It was felt the main areas should be:

- (a) Continue archaeological research as outlined by Richard Sheppard at various key areas, i.e. The Grange, the drain in Moor Pond, the Bridge between Moor Pond and Dam Banks.
- (b) Restoring archaeological feature for people to see.
- (c) Interpretation.

The inclusion of The Grange was discussed, in that it is outside the project area. Mr Scudder felt it was worth investigation for more interpretative information. Mrs Kerr suggested the application is submitted in sections.

Other areas covered during the discussion included a sculpture for Grange Cottage Wood and use of artist; additional seats and interpretative information for the Village Hall and libraries. Also arranging specific activity days for schools – perhaps invite each school to an open day.

It was agreed Mike Bishop the County Archaeologist and Mrs Jean Rider of the Countryside Agency be invited on site to see progress so far and the new application. Dean Skrabania of Greenwood Community Forest also to be invited so that the educational benefits of the project could be discussed.

5. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Tree Survey on 15th May – Mr Walker confirmed that following his grant application he had been awarded £1,100 which would cover the cost of a GPS receiver, and two laser distance measuring tools. He briefly explained how the equipment is to be used and what information would be obtained. Labels, pins and tree girth tapes will also be obtained. Mr Buttle organising numbered tags, blank tags and girth tapes etc. It was noted the grant would also cover the cost of refreshments for the event. Agreed to book the small room and kitchen at the Village Hall 9.00am until 4.00 pm and ascertain from the Friends meeting on the 30th April who will be taking part. Rowan Huggett to be asked about providing a buffet. Also agreed to have a practice with the equipment on Wednesday 5th May from 6.30pm.

Notts. Community Foundation Grant – Mr Scudder also reported that a grant of £4,940 had been awarded to the project to produce three interpretation panels, with Notts. CC funding the bridge restoration.

Future Friends Meetings:

- 30th April - Quiz
- 28th May - Birdsong Walk
- 25th June - Visit to Papplewick Pumping Station
- 30th July - BBQ and Skittles
- August - No meeting
- 17th Sept. - AGM
- 24th Sept - Barn Dance

Meeting with Landowner's Agent – To be arranged with Mr Hutchinson the Co-op's agent at Shoular & Son to show him round the project area and discuss future plans. Mr Scudder and Mr Walker to be present.

BTCV Insurance – Mrs Hull report the insurance was due and that the cost had risen to £125 + admin charge. It was agreed to pay for a further year's cover.

Accounts - Mrs Barker preparing the year end accounts for presentation to the Parish Council and for audit. Mrs Clark would in future be presenting accounts to the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged