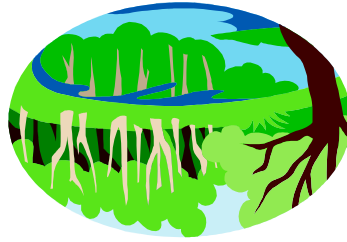


Moor Pond Wood Project, Papplewick



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 'FRIENDS OF MOOR POND WOOD' HELD ON FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2005 AT PAPPLEWICK VILLAGE HALL

In attendance:

Mrs M Barker	Mr J Lee
Mr T Barker	Mrs R Lee
Mr D Bodey (1803 Hucknall Air Training Corps)	Mr K Morton
Mrs C Hardstaff	Mrs P Morton
Mrs M Hull	Mrs M Passey
Mr R Hull	Mr R Preston
Mrs J Kendall	Mrs V Preston
Mrs M Kerr	Mr L Scudder
Mr R Kerr	Mrs D Townsend
Mr R Kerr	Mr S Walker
	Mr C Womble

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr R Barton, Mr T Buttle, Mr J Townsend
Mr Kerr informed the meeting that Mr B Smith had been in hospital etc. etc.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2002 AGM

With a correction of the archaeologist's name to reads Ursilla Mr Walker proposed
acceptance, seconded by Mr Hull as agreed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman reported on a year of consolidation with the completion of work already
undertaken plus a number of new projects, i.e.

Papplewick Dam – Grant obtained for woodland maintenance including pollarding and
coppicing with planting of new Alder. It was noted the path and bridge might need some
work after the contractor had been in the woodland with his machinery but Friends were
informed there was funding for this.

Moor Pond – Tagging of two small areas still needed to be undertaken.

Sluice – The archaeologist had commissioned the reinstatement of the stonework around the sluice at the bridge. Unfortunately, the reinstatement of the area by the sluice in Moor Pond had been less successful due to vandalism of the stonework. This needed to be sorted out and the drain/bank.

Grange Cottage Wood – The flower meadow was coming along but some fence work still needed to be undertaken.

Interpretation Panels – A lot of time had been spent on designing the panels for the entrances. Time was to be spent on the design work of the panels by the bridge.

A heritage lottery grant was obtained via the Sherwood Forest Trust for taking out sycamore trees and replanting with indigenous species.

Archaeology Day had uncovered another sluice comprising 14 course of stone and future consideration needed to be given to this.

Management Issues – The number of volunteers on workdays was an issue and without the help of the Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers work could not have been undertaken. Thanks were expressed to this group. This would be a challenge for next year.

The Chairman asked if any members wished to make comment on this report.

Roy Preston questioned whether the interpretation boards would be vandal proof.

Rob Kerr said he would like to see some consolidation of work before going any further as he felt too many things were being undertaken rather than concentrating on a finished article. He stated that some people were interested in certain aspects and he questioned whether the group should be looking at more specific work on week day and weekend work days.

Margaret Kerr had suggested at the Steering Committee meeting a noticeboard be installed in the wood to inform people what was happening. Mrs Barker proposed two smaller noticeboards be purchased and installed.

Keith Morton asked if there was a long-term objective for the pond. Mr Walker informed him the objective was to maintain the water level at a viable level.

Maureen Barker informed the meeting that the reinstatement of the area in front of Grange Cottage Wood was being discussed with Notts. County Council following the pavement works. A post to stop unauthorised parking had been suggested.

Richard Hull confirmed the seat ordered by the Parish Council with the grant from Ashfield District Council would be delivered the following week and he had spoken to A1 Ready Mix for concrete to install it.

Margaret Kerr expressed disappointment at the hedge planted alongside Grange Cottage Wood. Lee Scudder said it would be sprayed next year.

Richard Hull reported that Mr John McDonald the sculptor who lived on Main Street would like to get involved.

Lee Scudder informed the meeting that Ursilla the archaeologies could not attend the meeting but he gave a brief report on her behalf.

Margaret Kerr thanked Lee and the Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers for all their work.

4. REPORTS ON THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS INCLUDNG SUBSCRIPTIONS

Parish Council Moor Pond Wood Accounts - The meeting was informed the new Parish Clerk had resigned and there was no statement for these accounts. However, it was noted the stonemason's invoice had been paid out of the Local Heritage Initiative grant.

Friends' Account - A statement of the Friends' account was circulated at the meeting but no questions were raised.

Subscriptions - Friends were informed the £1 subscription enabled a list of members to be kept, primarily for insurance purposes. The Steering Committee did not feel there was a need to increase the subscription as at the monthly meeting an attendance charge was made. This was used towards expenses in paying for a speaker.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PROJECT STREERING COMMITTEE

The existing members, who had confirmed they were prepared to carry on, were re-elected. Although no other members showed interest in joining the committee the chairman, the Chairman gave an open invitation to anyone who wished to become involved, either on this or the interpretation panel committee.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Friends were shown the trophy, which had been presented by Maureen Barker to be used for the annual skittles match competition. Following the annual skittle match this had been presented to Robin Barton the 2006 winner and a whimsical letter of thanks had been received from him, which was read out.

Further discussion ensued regarding the sculptor project.

With no further matters being discussed the meeting ended.