

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th APRIL 2005

AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Hull	Friends Treasurer
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2005

Marguerite Hull pointed out the 'Friends' accounts details only related to receipts and payments in respect of grants. With a spelling correction of 'Star Wort' under Crassula Margaret Passey proposed acceptance, which was seconded by Margaret Kerr and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes of 23rd November 2004 were presented at the meeting. Mrs Passey proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs Hull and agreed.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mr Scudder still to speak to Anthony Cundy about the new footpath.

Correspondence – Notts. RCC Funder Fair (Page 1) No-one attended.

Friends' Group Meetings – Speakers (Page 3) Dr Kirby had not responded re giving a talk on the 22nd April. Having realised a family commitment on that evening Stephen Walker was now unable to speak on the tree survey. Claire Hardstaff informed the meeting of a talk given by Roy Preston on Papplewick Lido. He was contacted and agreed to give a presentation on the 22nd. Lee Scudder to provide projector and screen.

It was also agreed to approach Notts. Wildlife Trust to see if a visit could be arranged of the new Attenborough Nature Reserve on either the 27th May or 24th June.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

BTCV newsletter for April-June 2005 plus insurance renewal notice for the Friends Group.

Community Action for Wildlife re training programme for April to September 2005.

5. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council Account - None

Friends' Account:

Receipts:	Door receipts for last meeting	19.00
Payments:	Chq 000034 BTCV – Insurance renewal for members	193.75
	Chq 000035 Papplewick & Linby Village Hall hire fee deposit - New Year's Eve party	30.00

6. GRANT UPDATE**(a) LHI Phase II**

Stephen Walker reported there was no further progress with regard to the reinstatement of the leat. He agreed to chase Richard Sheppard the archaeologist. Further work had been undertaken around the culvert and stone walling exposed.

At the workday on 10th April a fence had been erected at the bottom of the steps for health and safety reasons.

Although a letter had been sent to Ursilla Spence following the last meeting no response had been received. However, Stephen Walker reported receiving an email from Emily the archaeologist suggesting a meeting. Maureen Barker to put forward 26th, 28th April and 3rd and 4th May as possible meeting dates.

(b) BTCV People's Award

Lee Scudder reported Chris Rider had supported the felling licence application, which covered work in both Papplewick Dam and Moor Pond Wood. However, it turned out a licence was not required for the work in Papplewick Dam but by the time this was known it was too late in the season for any work to be carried out. Jonathan Rhodes has agreed to commence work later in the year.

The BTCV award plaque to be attached to the entrance fencing.

Maureen Barker also showed the LHI sign to be installed in Moor Pond Wood. Agreed this should be incorporated with interpretation boards on the bridge. On the 13th March Dave Collins had rebuilt the bank in Moor Pond by the outlet.

The following grants were also discussed

Notts. Community Foundation Grants

A grant application towards the new footbridge in Moor Pond Wood had been submitted but turned down, as it was felt Notts. CC should provide the bridge over a right of way. However, Lee Scudder had spoken to Louise Graham at Notts. C.F. and it was agreed the £4,940 grant could be used towards interpretation boards. A progress report had been requested and this was completed at the meeting. Stephen Walker agreed to send off the completed form.

WREN Grant - Interpretation Panels

Lee Scudder reported three interpretation panels agreed and he had submitted a report to

WREN. With the extra funding received additional interpretation boards were discussed including 'talking posts' and inclusion of braille. Meeting to be arranged with the designer – Lee to arrange.

7. GRANGE COTTAGE WOOD – SEAT AND LITTERBIN

The provision of a seat and litterbin was discussed following receipt of a £400 grant from Ashfield District Council. Maureen Barker confirmed she had spoken to Ashfield's Highways Manager who had confirmed the authority would empty the bin if sited close to the roadside, preferably on Moor Road. A dual dog/litter bin was also suggested. The type of seat was discussed and Maureen Barker agreed to circulate information on other designs. Margaret Kerr proposed a dog/litterbin be ordered.

The renewal of the dog fouling signs was discussed and agreed more permanent ones to be organised. Maureen Barker to obtain a quotation. Letter to be sent to Gedling re provision and emptying of further dog bins in Moor Pond Wood.

8. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Marguerite Hull felt an approach should be made to the Management Committee of the Village Hall for regular users to be given a concessionary rate for hiring the premises. It was agreed a letter be sent from the Steering Committee requesting consideration be given to the request.

Lee Scudder reported he had been approached by Jamie Wright one of the archaeologists about holding an event in Moor Pond Wood as part of the national archaeological events. Dates were discussed and the weekend of 22nd to 24th July to be suggested, commencing with the annual BBQ. A marquee on the playing field was suggested with the Village Hall being approached for use of the toilets.

Margaret Kerr had approach Russ and Diane Potter about holding a 'Latin/Salsa' dance instead of a barn dance. A cost of £20 per had been given with the event incorporating instruction and dancing. Marguerite Hull to obtain available dates from the Village Hall for the end of September/beginning of October.

Tree survey on 14th May to go ahead although the Village Hall was unavailable. Agreed to have a tent on the recreation ground. Appropriate refreshments to be provided.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th May, 7.45 at 41 Main Street.

With no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.08.