

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 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 (arrived 7.45pm)
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mrs M Passey and Mr Whyley

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2005

With an alteration on Page 2, Item 7 to read County Councillor Mr Chris Barron, Mr Walker proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs Kerr and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Still to be progressed with Mr Cundy.

Friends' Group Meetings - Speakers (Page 1) Mr Walker reported Dr Kirby had not responded despite sending several emails. He agreed to continue chasing.

Noted the visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve on 24th June had been a very good visit. It was felt a second visit at a different time of the year would be worthwhile. The annual BBQ was also felt to have been a success and the playing field noted as a good venue.

The 'Friends' AGM on 7th October was discussed. Mrs Kerr felt more people needed to be attracted to join the group. The installation of a noticeboard within the woodland was discussed, as this could be the vehicle to advertise workdays, events and progress of the project.

Grange Cottage Wood – Litterbin (Page 1) Mrs Barker confirmed the litterbin had been received and Mr Walker reported the Parish Clerk had ordered the new seat. However, there would be a delay in receipt of this due to a lack of recycled material.

Latin/Salsa Evening (Page 1) It was noted the arrangements had changed with the event now being hosted by 'Enrique Vina'. As a result the ticket price had been increased to £8. Numbers to be confirmed by the 25th October to Mrs Kerr.

Tree Survey (Page 1) Mr Walker confirmed all survey work logged with nothing further to do until later in the year.

Boundary Fencing (Page 1) Mr Scudder confirmed £45 cost of replacement fencing. Noted a further accident had demolished a section of fencing to Moor Pond Wood on Papplewick Lane.

Mrs Kerr expressed concern at the gap in the fencing to Grange Cottage Wood on Moor Road. Mr Walker reported the Parish Council at its recent meeting discussed the verge in this area as it was currently being used by Notts. County Council's highways workforce as a material compound. Mrs Barker agreed to speak to Ian Parker of Notts. CC to discuss the possibility of having a parking area.

Any Matters the Chairman Feels Need to be Discussed (Page 2)

Mrs Kerr was congratulated on the installation of a dog bin by Gedling Borough Council at Papplewick Lane entrance. However, it was noted there was still a problem with dog fouling – Mrs Kerr to ask Andy Cunningham for some official 'dog fouling' signs.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Rev Canon Turner thanking the group for the £50 donation towards the 'Living Stones' project.

Greenwood Community Forest - Woodland Handbook – Mr Walker agreed to keep this.

Greenwood Community Forest - Tree Planting Grants noted

Greenwood Community Forest - 'Growing Success' Edition 13 Summer 2005.

Greenwood Community Forest – Friends' meeting on Monday 17th October at the Horse & Groom, Linby followed by a walk in Dob Park. Mrs Barker, Mrs Hull and Mrs Townsend to attend.

Community Action for Wildlife Project – A letter of support had been requested from the group which Mrs Barker had submitted. Training leaflet received – Mr Scudder agreed to obtain further copies for the AGM.

Biodiversity Action Group meeting 21st October at Retford noted. Also received various emails.

Gedling CVS Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 29th October at Gedling noted.

Greener Healthier Gedling – Invitation received to the launch of this Gedling partnership. Mrs Walker reported the meeting had been cancelled.

5. **ACCOUNTS**

Parish Council - None

Friends - Income - £119.39 being the profit from the annual BBQ.
Expenditure - £202.26 for the litterbin.

Mrs Hull to check the Village Hall was booked for the monthly meetings.

6. **ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND REPORT**

Letters of thanks had been received from James Wright of Notts. County Council. Mr Walker reported on the event, which had successfully excavated a new sluice, one metre higher than the existing one. Mr Walker was drawing up plans from the survey and photographs taken on site. Subject to funding Mrs Barker felt it would be worth excavating and restoring. An aerial

map of the village which had been on show at the archaeological event had been donated to the Parish Council. An approach had been made to the Village Hall Management Committee with a view to it being displayed in the Hall.

7. GRANTS UPDATE

- (a) LHI Phase II - Concern was expressed that Ursilla Spence's team had not undertaken what was in her original brief. Mr Walker agreed to contact her to ascertain the costs she had incurred to date; ascertain if her team had produced a written report on work to date for submission to LHI; work planned for future work days and inviting her or a member of her team to the Friends AGM on the 7th October.

Mr Walker confirmed the stonemasons had finished their work, although they would be working one more day.

Mr Walker and Mr Scudder to discuss with Notts. CC landscaping.

Mrs Kerr expressed concern about the fencing at the top of the bank above the drain hole to the pond.

Mr Walker reported on his discussions with Richard Sheppard who had £500 left in his budget. He had suggested this be used for further geophysics on the Mill site subject to the tenant farmer being in agreement. The archaeologist to be asked how he was progressing with his report and his thoughts about extending the project together with a date for producing information for the interpretation boards, as it was felt these now needed to be progressed on the bridge.

Members were informed that following further excavation in the 'plug hole' a survey pole had shown a further 2 metres down to the bottom. Future work to be undertaken following a risk assessment.

Interpretation panel – Mr Scudder had submitted the text corrections. Proof to be produced for each board. Progress needs to be made in respect of the interpretation boards funded by the Community Foundation Grant. Mr Scudder felt the bridge panels would be a test before other boards were agreed. Noted £2,000 grant from Nationwide was for interpretation boards.

- (b) BTCV People's Places Award - A progress report had been submitted by Darren York. It was noted £325 still had to be allocated for training. Mr Scudder to progress the tree felling works with Jonathan Rhodes.
- (c) Other Grants - Mr Scudder reported on work being undertaken by WKW Tree Services funded by a Sherwood Forest Trusts grant. He confirmed 15 sycamore trees were being removed and the larger ones would be planked on site with smaller logs available to residents as firewood.

Building Better Communities – Notts. CC chased but there seems to be a lack of action.

8. SCULPTURE PROJECT

Mrs Barker reported that due to lack of time in obtaining appropriate information a grant application to Ashfield District Council for this project had not been submitted. However, following a conversation with artist Richard Janes of Notts. County Council's Next Stage she reported that he could perhaps progress the sculpture project as part of his work for Notts. CC. It was agreed he be invited to the November meeting.

9. INSTALLATION OF SEAT AND LITTERBIN

To be organised once the seat is received.

10. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED.

Mrs Kerr reported that Brian Smith was due to have a triple bypass operation and it was agreed a get well card be sent to him.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd November

With no further business the meeting was closed.