

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 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 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 Hull, Mrs Passey and Mr Whyley

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2005

Mrs Townsend proposed acceptance, seconded by Mr Scudder 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) Still no contact from Dr Kirby – Mr Walker to keep chasing.

Attenborough Nature Reserve visit – agreed to ask at the next 'Friends' meeting if they would like to make another visit in 2006 earlier in the year to enable a walk around the reserve.

AGM - held on the 7th October, which was attended by 21 members. Following the annual reports members were informed that Robin Barton had offered to make a scale model of the site at his own expense, depending on the total cost. Everyone thought it was a very good idea and a generous gesture but wondered about the practicalities. It was agreed his offer should be accepted and that the group would be happy to underwrite some of the costs. However, before an approach was made to the Village Hall Management Committee to see if it would give permission to site it in the hall, Robin to be asked to give details of the approximate size.

Lee Scudder confirmed he had approached a Hucknall joinery company with regard to making a noticeboard for the wood. Stephen Walker suggested he also contact Moorwood Joinery as he lived opposite the woodland

Grange Cottage Wood – Litterbin (Page 1) The litterbin and seat had been installed by Tim Barker and Richard Hull.

Latin/Salsa Evening (Page 1) Marguerite Hull had sent an accounts statement for the event, which everyone agreed, had been a great success with £780.98 profit made. The next event was discussed and following a request by people attending it was agreed to hold a line dance in early March. Maureen Barker confirmed she knew someone who could lead this and agreed to ask the person concerned if 11th March was available.

Boundary Fencing (Page 1) Following highway improvement works being undertaken by Notts. County Highways the installation of a retractable bollard at the Moor Road entrance to Grange Cottage Wood was discussed. Lee Scudder had provided some information and it was noted the approximate cost would be £400. It was agreed to proceed with the installation of a bollard to stop parking on this verge area, which was considered a danger because it restricted visibility for residents of Grange Cottages.

Any Matters the Chairman Feels Need to be Discussed (Page 2) Mrs Kerr still to contact Andy Cunningham for some official 'dog fouling' signs.

Correspondence (Page 2) Greenwood Community Forest – Friends' meeting on Monday 17th October – Maureen Barker and Diane Townsend reported on the meeting followed by a walk in Dob Park.

Archaeological Weekend (Page 3) Stephen to contact Richard Sheppard to arrange a meeting to discuss the format of the information boards for the bridge. Ursilla and archaeologists were also going to check the leat bed for clay linings starting at Linby Lane.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Sherwood Forest Trust with details of courses/events.

BTCV 'Roots' newsletter.

5. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council - Stephen Walker had obtained a spread sheet from Vic Whyley detailing only one in the current financial year:-

25th July	000081	Philip Turton – stonework restoration	-	6,744.50
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A copy of the receipts and payments account to 31st March had also been provided, a copy of which, together with the spreadsheet is attached to the minutes. He also confirmed the individual funding accounts needed to be updated so that Vic Whyley could manage them.

Friends - A copy of the annual accounts to the 7th October and which had been distributed at the Friends AGM were confirmed and a copy attached to these minutes. Petty cash expenditure to the 4th May was £21.46. Marguerite Hull had also provided a statement of account in respect of the salsa evening with a profit of £780.98.

6. GRANTS UPDATE

- (a) LHI Phase II - Stephen Walker had requested written reports and invoices from Ursilla Spence and Richard Sheppard for submission to the Countryside Agency. Ursilla had asked if it would be acceptable to hold workdays during the week and for volunteers from other groups to attend.

Lee and Stephen to discuss with Notts. CC landscaping of the drain area in the pond. It was felt this work needed to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Ursilla was concerned about Health and Safety with regard to future work in the 'plug hole'. Stephen informed the meeting Colin Womble had produced a risk assessment for working in this area and had obtained information on equipment that could be used to 'suck out' the soil and other debris at a cost of approx. £400 per day. It was felt this would be a good idea and the farmer to be asked if the equipment could be sited in the access to the field next to the site. Stephen to email Ursilla to see if the use of this equipment was acceptable.

Stephen had emailed Richard Sheppard but had not received a response – he agreed to follow this up.

The interpretation panels were discussed following suggestions made by 'Dial'. These were noted and amendments to be made.

- (b) BTCV People's Places Award - Lee Scudder had spoken to Jonathan Rhodes about the pollarding and he expected to commence work in two to three weeks. A meeting with Darren York of BTCV had been arranged for the 29th November. It was suggested the £350 be used to employ someone to give onsite instruction into creating a willow sculpture.
- (c) Other Grants - The removal of the sycamore trees in Dam Banks and Moor Pond had been undertaken with the larger trunks being cut into planks and one left to be made into a seat. The transplanting of some of the oaks/new saplings was discussed.

Lee Scudder confirmed the Building Better Communities grant of £7,500 had been submitted as a match-funding bid, which covered various works within the site

7. FRIENDS MEEETING, 24th NOVEMBER – SCULPTURE PROJECT

Richard Janes, the Notts. County Council artists had confirmed he would attend this meeting. Following discussion the following brief was agreed:-

1. The sculpture needed to be on a flat area, i.e. Grange Cottage Wood.
2. It should represent Robinson and the mills and the historical development of the site.
3. It should be in keeping with the site

It was noted that the wood carver would talk at the 30th January 2006 meeting and Stephen Walker agreed to contact the water diviner to see if he was available for the February meeting.

8. RAFFLE PRIZES

Following the salsa evening when 'Friends' donated prizes, Margaret Kerr suggested that if there were sufficient funds prizes in future should be purchased, which was agreed.

9. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Lee Scudder informed the meeting that Jonathan Rhodes had confirmed that over and above the work he was undertaking in Papplewick Dam he would give a day clearing sycamore saplings in Moor Pond. Also Dave Bodey had agreed to bring along some ATC Cadets to help with this.

Workdays were discussed and it was agreed to leave these as the second Sunday in the month. However. As several people would be away on the 13th November it was agreed to bring that date forward to the 6th when the broken fence on Papplewick Lane would be repaired.

Lee Scudder confirmed he had spoken to Mr Gilbert of Altham Lodge about taking black poplar cuttings.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 30th November at 7.45pm

With no further business the meeting was closed.