

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD ‘STEERING COMMITTEE’

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2006

AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs M Hull	Friends Group (arrived approx. 8.15)
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mrs Hardstaff. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2005

Margaret Kerr proposed acceptance, seconded by Marguerite Hull and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Papplewick Dam (Page 1)

Friends’ Group Meetings - Speakers (Page 1) Still no contact from Dr Kirby – Stephen Walker to keep chasing. January meeting – talk by Mr Mick Taylor on making rocking horses. February – Richard Janes follow up on the sculpture project. Water diviner to be organised when friends can participate outside. Friends still to be asked if they wish to have another visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve so that the group could walk around the reserve.

Noticeboards -

AGM – Maureen Barker reported Robin Barton was proceeding with work on a scale model of the site but he had written suggesting no contact be made with the Village Hall until such time as he knew the actual size of the model. The provision of recording equipment was discussed as Robin had shown interest in talking to elderly residents to obtain verbal historical information. Stephen Walker said he had such equipment that could be loaned to the Friends group.

Boundary Fencing (Page 1) Lee Scudder reported 200 wooden pales had been purchased. It was noted a bollard had been erected at the entrance to Grange Cottage Wood. Maureen Barker confirmed that following conversations with Notts. County Council this had been installed free of charge as part of the road/pavement improvements. Although it was a permanent concrete bollard, as opposed to the retractable type, which had been discussed, there was sufficient space for wheelchair access and small mowing equipment.

Any Matters the Chairman Feels Need to be Discussed (Page 2) Mrs Kerr reported on frustrating conversations with Gedling’s Dog Warden regarding installing dog fouling signs around the site. Gedling’s action awaited.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The only correspondence received had been dealt with.

5. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council - None

Friends - Mrs Hull reported £16 had been raised at the Friends evening on the 25th November plus £11 in annual subscriptions. She also reported that the disco for the New Year Party would cost £260.

6. GRANTS UPDATE

- (a) LHI Phase II - A progress report was discussed and its appropriate completion agreed. Stephen Walker to chase Richard Sheppard and Ursilla with regard to reports and accounts so these could be submitted with the progress report.

Lee informed everyone that Emily would be working on site with some of her regular volunteers on Tuesday, 6th December, meeting in the lay-by on Linby Lane at 10am.

Stephen to email Ursilla about Colin Womble's risk assessment on the 'Plug Hole' and a decision whether the group could proceed with the use of the equipment he had identified.

A further proof had been received following amendments made after sight of the full size interpretation panel. It was felt the plan looked much clearer following the alterations but it was noted part of the leat had been omitted. Claire Hardstaff also suggested the footpath over the Moors be identified in the same way as the one across the Meadows, which was agreed. With these amendments and the inclusion of 'Course of Leat' in the key the final amendments were agreed.

- (b) BTCV People's Places Award - Stephen Walker gave his apologies for not attending the meeting arranged at his house for Tuesday, 29th November. Darren York had been informed of a delay in the contractor commencing the work in Papplewick Dam. However, Jonathan Rhodes had promised to commence on the 19th December when he would definitely have appropriate assistance. Darren had pointed out the grant needed to be accounted for by the end of January otherwise it would be lost.

With regard to the £325 portion originally included for a chain saw course, Darren York had agreed this could be used for the purchase of tools or willows for hedging/sculpture. Lee Scudder to proceed with the purchase of materials for this and footpath maintenance and revetment work.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 5th January 2006 at 4.30pm.

- (c) Other Grants - Lee Scudder reported the Building Better Communities grant of £7,500 had to be accounted for before April 2006. Specific work for this grant was discussed including the cost of hiring the equipment to excavate the 'Plug Hole', which was thought to be an integral part of the investigations into the drainage system from Moor

Pond. If Ursilla Spence was in agreement this work to be considered for the workday on the 11th December.

7. **SCULPTURE PROJECT**

Everyone agreed the address by Richard Janes at the Friends evening on 25th November had been excellent. He had agreed to contact Maureen Barker with dates to walk the site to give him an understanding of the group's ideas for a sculpture. Then an extra 'Friends' meeting to be arranged in early January when ideas could be discussed which he would then work on and produce some drawings etc. He confirmed he could also help with information on appropriate funding for the project.

Maureen Barker showed the committee sketches produced by her husband of possible sculptures including stone, wood and metal as discussed at the Friends meeting.

8. **ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED**

Claire Hardstaff apologised for not attending the New Year's Eve Party. A meeting was agreed in order to discuss the arrangements for the event.

Lee Scudder reported on a conversation with Dave Bodey re working with the ATC in 2006 to clear smaller sycamores in Moor Pond Wood.

Stephen Walker pointed out the handrail to the bridge giving access to the recreation ground by the houses had been broken down. It was thought this had happened when the tree felling work had been carried out. He also felt the bridge itself needed attention. Lee Scudder agreed to look at this when next on site.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 18th January 2006 at 7.45pm

With no further business the meeting was closed.