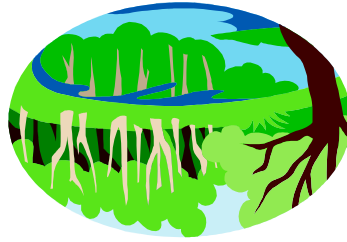


Moor Pond Wood Project, Papplewick



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 'FRIENDS OF MOOR POND WOOD' HELD ON FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2006 AT PAPPLEWICK VILLAGE HALL

In attendance:

Mrs M Barker
Mr T Barker
Mr R Barton
Mrs C Hardstaff
Mrs C Hardstaff
Mrs C Hubbard
Mr D Hubbard
Mrs M Hull
Mr R Hull
Mrs J Kendall
Mrs M Kerr
Mr R Kerr

Mr J Lee
Mr J Macdonald
Mr K Morton
Mr P Morton
Mrs M Passey
Mr R Preston
Mrs V Preston
Mr L Scudder
Mr S Walker
Mr C Womble

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Zandra Alexander, Valerie Atkin, Terry Buttle, Jean Carter, Diane Townsend, Richard Sheppard (archaeologist) and Ursilla Spence (archaeologist)

2. MINUTES OF THE 2005 AGM

With some corrections as noted Roy Preston proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Lee Scudder and agreed.

The Chairman asked if he could change the order of the agenda in order to give a presentation after the accounts had been presented.

4. REPORTS ON THE PROJECT ACCOUNTS

- (a) Parish Council Accounts - Mr Walker had produced an overview of the accounts in respect of grants obtained by the Parish Council and the Friends, which was circulated at the meeting. He explained the details as shown, which did not comprise an audited account. Both the Parish Council

and Friends accounts had been audited separately and what he had produced enabled members to see the grant funding obtained; the expenditure incurred and balance available for completion of current and future projects.

Friends were informed that within the next six months it was anticipated the Parish Council's Moor Pond Wood accounting would be wound up. Any resulting funds would be passed to the Friends for them to manage with the project thereafter.

- (b) Friends of Moor Pond Wood Account - The Treasurer, Mrs Hull, had produced an income and expenditure account which was circulated at the meeting. No questions were raised.
- (c) Subscriptions - Friends were informed the subscription was never intended to be a membership fee, or to raise money, but a statement by those wishing to support the project. However, the resulting list of Friends enabled each member to be covered by insurance when working on site. Mr Walker informed the meeting the Steering Committee had discussed subscriptions and wished to propose a 'massive doubling of the subscription which would cover the cost of postage and delivery of communications during the year. The figures recommended were £2 per individual and £4 for group/family membership. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Walker gave a visual extravaganza of the project over the last five years. It showed a consolidation of the extensive work already undertaken plus a number of new projects.

He then informed the Friends there were several issues that needed to be considered:-

Constitution - Copies of the original constitution were circulated at the meeting. Paragraph 19 - joint review. Friends need to decide what they would like the Parish Council to do. The Steering Committee's recommendation was that from March 2007 the Friends take over the management of the project through a Steering Committee and also manage the finances.

Therefore Paragraph 20 would read "*as of 31st March 2007– Steering Committee will cease to be a committee of the Parish Council and become the Steering Committee of the group.*"

Accounting - There would be a need to clear the Parish Council accounts of all funding for the project. The production of interpretation and further archaeology would finalise the Local Heritage Initiative funding.

Cllr Womble's expressed the concern that some funding might be blocked if the Parish Council is divorced from the project.

Mr Walker proposed *“that the Parish Council be informed that the group would like the situation to be resolved, if possible, by the 31st March and that the Moor Pond Wood project would thereafter be run by the Steering Committee on behalf of the ‘Friends’ rather than the Parish Council.”* Keith Morton seconded the proposal, which was agreed with one abstention.

5. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the current members of the committee were prepared to continue. Although Mrs Hull had confirmed she wished to stand down from the position of treasurer, she was prepared to continue until someone else volunteered to undertake the position. The Chairman pointed out the parameters of this position would change with the reformation of the Steering Committee to manage the project and funding.

The Chairman asked if anyone else wished to join the committee or take on the position of treasurer.

It was proposed that the current Steering Committee members be re-elected, which was seconded by Mrs Passey and agreed.

The Chairman thanked all members for supporting the project, and in particular Mrs Barker for keeping the project ticking over and Mrs Hull for her superb job with the finances. He informed the Friends it had been a pleasure working with them over the year when everyone had worked hard.

Mrs Kerr gave a vote of thanks to Mr Walker for his work over the last year, for his presentation of the accounts and slide show, which was much appreciated.

At this point refreshments were provided and Mr Walker introduced the Friends to Mr John Macdonald, a sculptor and new member, who wished to discuss an idea on creating a sculpture park within the project area.

Mr Macdonald proceeded to put forward a scheme of providing plinths within the project site on which student sculptors could display their work. He saw this as a project that would not only bring visitors to the site and raise its profile but also some revenue. Photographs illustrating his suggestion were circulated.

With no further business the meeting ended.