

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2006

AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Hull	Friends Group Treasurer
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group
	Mr C Womble	Chairman of Papplewick Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

The Chairman passed on the apologies from the Parish Council Clerk, which was accepted.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2006

With the following amendments Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs Passey and agreed.

Page 1 – Dog Notices - dog bin needs to be placed in the wood next to the layby’.

Page 2 – Sculpture Project – Mr Walker confirmed he would probably not be able to attend

Page 2 – Accounts - Friends’ Income – Profit from the line dance (not salsa)

Accounts - Friends’ Expenditure – (line dance evening £25 & New Year bar £10)

Accounts – 2. delete cost at end of line.

Page 3 – Interpretation Panels – third line ‘sited’

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) The Chairman and Mrs Barker reported on the site meeting with Chris Jackson of Notts. CC who confirmed County would support the creation of a new footpath from the definitive Meadows footpath to the dam and through to the layby, provided the Co-operative Society was in agreement to it being dedicated. Contact to be made with Charles Hutchinson the Co-op’s Agent to arrange a site meeting with someone from the Co-op. Mr Womble suggested a letter of support from Linby Parish Council would also be welcome. It was noted the Parish Council’s P3 Strategy document supported a path.

Dog Notices (Page 1) Chairman had received an email from Mr Whyley regarding the notices, which had been discussed by the Parish Council. It was noted that as dogs were not allowed on the recreation ground the Parish Council felt it was not appropriate to put the large signs on the entrances to the play area. Mrs Barker confirmed Mr Scudder had installed the smaller notices at the project site entrances.

Mrs Barker pointed out why further dog bins were needed at the Linby end of the meadows footpath and in the wood next to the Linby Lane layby. Mr Whyley to be asked to contact Gedling BC re an additional dog bin and Mrs Hardstaff to discuss with Linby Parish Council.

Correspondence:

Sherwood Forest Trust – Walks Programme (Page 1) Those members who had taken part in the walk confirmed it had been a very well attended and successful walk thanks to Mr Scudder.

Site Model (Page 3)

Mr Walker to discuss with Mr Barton

Any Matters the Chairman Feels Need to be Discussed (Page 4)

Local Nature Reserve - Mr Scudder to discuss this with County the site being designated this status.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Biodiversity Action Group - Details received in respect of events taking place at Colwick Park the weekend of 24th/25th June.

5. **ACCOUNTS**

Parish Council - None were received

Friends - It was noted that the expenditure of £35 to the Village Hall as noted in the previous minutes actually equated to deposits of £25 for the line dance evening and £10 for the New Year's Eve party.

Income: Mrs Hull confirmed there was £6,443.52 in the Friends account.

Expenditure - Chq No. 000060 - £3.23 to Mr Scudder but not yet cashed.
Chq No. 000064 - £28 for Room hire Nov/Jan/Feb/March

Notts. Community Foundation Grant - £4,940 – invoice awaited in respect of the interpretation boards funded by this grant.

The Chairman explained the need for Mr Whyley to update the Parish Council's Moor Pond Wood account spreadsheet in order to provide the Steering Committee with more detailed accounts. Mrs Barker explained that this was particularly needed when completing the grant claim forms for the LHI. As Chairman of the Parish Council Mr Womble took note of this request.

6. **GRANTS UPDATE**

- (a) **LHI Phase II** - Chairman reported that the Notts. CC archaeologists had not been in the wood recently as they did not wish to disturb the nesting wildlife. He had received an email from Emily, however, asking for a meeting to discuss work to the end of the year. Mr Walker to contact Ursilla requesting confirmation as to when their work would be completed. Also they needed to know whether the group wanted to undertake further community work.

Action needed: Cost of archaeological work to be obtained
 Wording for interpretation panels on the bridge to be agreed
 Individual cost of the entrance interpretation boards to be obtained.

- (b) BTCV People's Places Award - Photograph still to be taken wearing T-shirt and plaque to be attached to noticeboard in Papplewick Dam. Frame to be obtained for 'People's Places' award certificate so it can be displayed in the Village Hall.

7. NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL WEEKEND 2006

The Chairman confirmed that Richard Sheppard the archaeologist wished to be involved and that the group was committed to man the site on both Saturday and Sunday, 15th/16th July. Work would concentrate around the plughole and Richard Sheppard would undertake a live dig with volunteers on the Moor Road side of Moor Pond to ascertain whether there was another sluice. A gazebo to be erected as an exhibition/information point and it was agreed this should be erected on the Grange Cottage Wood site.

Depending on the number of volunteers the area towards the river where it was thought there could be another sluice would be opened up.

Margaret Passey agreed to produce posters for the event and details to be circulated to Friends at the next meeting. Also to the new residents in Blacksmith's Court.

Mrs Kerr pointed out for future reference that Caroline's (nee Flegg) husband was into electrics and he could possibly help with regard to the suggestion of solar panel lighting for the plughole.

Chairman to ask County if a banner was available for publicising the event.

8. SCULPTURE

At the last Friends meeting Richard Janes had been asked to revise his designs to incorporate various aspects into one design. Mrs Barker had just received the revised design which was discussed at the meeting. Everyone liked the design and it was agreed to show this to the Friends at the next meeting.

Mrs Barker confirmed she had arranged a meeting with Dawn Fox of Ashfield District Council to discuss the erection of a sculpture on the Grange Cottage Wood site, which was located within Ashfield. Also to discuss the possibility of an arts grant to fund the project.

9. FRIENDS' MEETINGS

With no speaker booked for the 30th June meeting Mrs Barker gave details of a meeting she had attended where a very interesting talk was given on the Laxton strip farming. She had asked the gentleman concerned if he could address the June meeting but he was otherwise engaged. Mr Rose did, however, suggest the group might like to visit the Laxton heritage centre followed by a farm visit. Otherwise he was happy to come along to Papplewick to talk on the subject. It was agreed to book a farm visit for June 2007.

It was agreed to book the hall for the 30th June if available when the archaeological weekend and sculpture could be discussed.

28th July – BBQ. – The Chairman, Mrs Barker and Mrs Townsend informed the meeting they would not be attending. Mrs Hull questioned whether it should go ahead but Mrs Kerr and Mrs Passey felt it should. Details to be discussed at the next Friends meeting and Mr Scudder to be asked to provide charcoal. Mrs Hardstaff agreed to provide the BBQ's and it was also agreed to revert back to Papplewick Dam for the event.

29th September meeting	–	Annual General Meeting
27th October	–	Subject to be agreed
24th November	–	Subject to be agreed

Talks in respect of moths, butterflies etc. were discussed. Chairman to contact Notts. Wildlife Trust for a speaker.

The Chairman asked the group to consider electing a new Chairman who could provide fresh impetus. However, everyone supported him as Chairman.

10. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

No matters were raised

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 13th July. Mrs Townsend gave her apologies.

With no further business the meeting ended at 9.30pm