

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2006

AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs Hardstaff	Friends Group
	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 Hull. It was noted Mrs Passey would be arriving late.

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

Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, seconded by Mr Scudder and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mrs Barker reported on a conversation with Chris Jackson the new Notts. CC Footpaths Officer. Mr Walker suggested that rather than an approach being made to the fishing syndicate Marshall's be asked if they had any objection to the path crossing the bottom of the field they lease from the Co-op now it was not being grazed. Mr Walker confirmed to Mr Scudder the location of the fallen tree reported by Mr Cundy. Mr Scudder to action.

Noticeboards (Page 1) Mr Scudder had received the three noticeboards, one of which had been funded from the BTCV People's Places grant and the other two from the Building Better Communities grant. It was agreed these be installed at the Papplewick Lane entrance, the Moor Road entrance near the seat and the third in Papplewick Dam by the layby. Mrs Kerr agreed to contact Paddy Tipping MP to see if he would be present for a photo call on the day the noticeboards were installed.

Friends AGM - Model of the Site (Page 1) Mrs Barker was to give Mr Barton copies of the photos showing Grange Mill. Mr Walker agreed to purchase an appropriate MP3 player.

Dog Notices (Page) Mrs Kerr informed the meeting of her conversation with Vic Whyley, the Parish Council Clerk and the lack of response from Gedling on this matter. She had suggested he contact Mr Cunningham at Gedling.

Correspondence

Rural Voice Article (Page 1) Mr Walker had spoken to Notts. RCC but he was waiting further contact by the appropriate person.

Sherwood Forest Trust (Page 1) The 2006 walk programme had been received but it was noted the walk around the site was on the same evening as the Village Ladies Quiz. The Griffins Head to be contacted for overspill parking.

Commemorative Seat (Page 3)

Mrs Barker confirmed Mrs Passey had walked through Papplewick Dam and identified a suitable location. Presentation of the seat once installed was discussed. At this point Mrs Passey joined the meeting and said she would make her own arrangements with the family to show them the seat once installed.

Friends' Meetings – Speakers & Events (Page 3)

It was noted 'Friends' were not interested in making a further visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Mrs Barker had received information from a member about someone who could give a talk and demonstration with owls, which was noted. Mr Walker agreed to contact the water diviner – June meeting suggested.

Line Dance on the 25th March - arrangements progressing. Mrs Barker had produced tickets but the posters still had to be printed. Details to be put in the new site noticeboards.

5. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council - Mr Walker had received an invoice from Richard Sheppard the archaeologist for £4,993.75, which needed to be passed to the Parish Clerk for payment from the LHI grant.

Friends - Income:

January Friends Meeting on the door	-	£17.00
Subscriptions	-	£ 8.00

Expenditure:

January Friends Meeting speaker	-	£20.00	
Papplewick V. Hall 2 meeting deposits	-	£60.00	
Jonathan Rhodes – tree pollarding	-	£2,300.00	(BTCV grant)
Mrs Barker – shears	-	£12.99	(BTCV grant)
Mr Scudder – waders	-	£54.34	(BTCV grant)
February Friends Meeting – door	-	£19.00	

6. GRANTS UPDATE

- (a) **LHI Phase II** - Richard Sheppard, the archaeologist, had submitted an account and confirmed he had under-spent but a further day could be used for further investigation.

Mr Scudder, Mr Walker and Ursilla Spence had met to discuss further excavation of the plug hole with a drain specialist who felt using his equipment would be too expensive. However, with volunteer labour, the correct equipment and taking basic precautions he felt the group could undertake the work. It was noted a tripod with harness would need to be hired. The specialist offered to write a risk assessment and come along to check the tripod was correctly installed. He said he would be prepared to go down the hole, which was noted by the archaeologist.

Mr Scudder agreed to organise the equipment and Easter weekend was agreed for the work.

Mr Walker had walked the site with Ursilla and then discussed further action. The allocation of work to be funded by LHI and Building Better Communities was discussed and whether it was feasible to have some conservation work undertaken to the sluice excavated last summer. It was also suggested further investigation be carried out by the path next to the bridge to ascertain whether there was a channel from the northern pond.

Mr Walker to request an invoice from Ursilla for work to date and give dates when further work would be undertaken. Also, to push Richard Sheppard for interpretation information for the boards on the bridge.

The topping off with soil of the restored leat was discussed with Ursilla.

Interpretation Panels - Work started on the boards for the bridge. The 19th March was suggested for the installation of the main information panels. Mrs Kerr agreed to ask Paddy Tipping MP to attend. The Hucknall Dispatch and Nottingham Evening Post also to be contacted.

- (b) BTCV People's Places Award - The work and final paperwork had been completed. Mr Walker had received a certificate and it was agreed a copy of this be placed in Papplewick Dam noticeboard with the original in the Village Hall.
- (c) Other - Building Better Communities had already been discussed.

7. SCULPTURE PROJECT

At the 24th February 'Friends' meeting members had put forward some very good ideas, which Richard Janes had noted. He was also shown historical information and photos relating to the site. He informed the meeting Notts. County Council was cutting its budget in the arts but if the group accepted one of his designs he would see through to its production if funding was raised. Grants to WREN and the Lottery were discussed.

8. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Mrs Barker gave a report on her attendance with Mrs Hull of the Friends of Greenwood Community Forest meeting on the 27th February. During a walk around the 'Carrs' the design of interpretation material was discussed. It included braille and was produced by a local school.

Mrs Townsend said her granddaughter had shown interest in the site and spoken to her teacher at Edgewood School about the project. Mr Walker suggested she give his name to the teacher and he would arrange with the school for the pupils to make a site visit.

Mr Scudder produced a plan showing Papplewick Lane/Moor Road junction detailing land the Co-op was proposing to sell to developers of the Grange Farm site to enable a traffic island to be constructed. Concern was expressed at the amount of land to be lost, especially the possible loss of part of the bank to Moor Pond. It was felt urgent comment should be made on the proposal and Mr Walker agreed to contact Ursilla Spence. Mrs Barker agreed to speak to the Planning Officer at Ashfield District Council and Mr Walker to circulate members of the Parish Council. Paddy Tipping also to be contacted.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed and with no further business the meeting closed.