

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs M Hull	Friends Group Treasurer
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Clare Hardstaff, Diane Townsend and Vic Whyley.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2006

Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Mr Scudder and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mrs Barker confirmed meeting arranged between Charles Hutchinson the Co-op's agent and a representative from the Co-op on 17th October. Mr Scudder agreed to attend the meeting with Mrs Barker.

Dog Notices (Page 1) Mrs Barker reported a dog bin had been installed by the entrance to Papplewick Dam from the layby. Agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Gedling Borough Council. Mr Scudder still to install some of the dog fouling notices. Positioning of the larger signs still to be decided. Agreed to leave in abeyance until work on the playing field had been completed.

Site Model (Page 2) Mrs Barker had received a letter from Mr Barton confirming his acceptance of Mr Walker's apology and his intention to renew his subscription to the Friends. The size of the model was discussed and agreed to confirm to Mr Barton this should be of the site from the fishing pond to the mill buildings. The displaying of the model still to be agreed. Mr Barton to be invited to a Steering Group meeting to discuss/confirm the details. Mr Barton's comments regarding the proposed sculpture for Grange Cottage Wood were noted and appreciated.

Local Nature Reserve (Page 2) Mr Scudder had spoken to his manager who had indicated Moor Pond Wood was on his 'wish list' for this status but Notts. CC was currently upgrading its existing local nature reserves. It was agreed copies of the management plan and species survey be sent to the ecologist Nick Crouch at Notts. CC.

National Archaeological Weekend (Page 2) Everyone felt it had been successful from the point of getting interest. Mr Walker had shown 3-4 groups around and he informed

the committee he had been asked to talk to the Sherwood Archaeological Group in May 2007.

The digging during the weekend had gone well uncovering another sluice and a marker had been placed in Grange Cottage Wood by the dowsers showing a location suggested for excavation.

Any Matters the chairman Felt Needed to be Discussed

Strimming Course (Page 2) Mrs Barker had been unable to find the name of the person who had undertaken the course. Mr Walker to speak to Vic Whyley to check the Parish Council records for the details.

Leat Features (Page 3) Mr Scudder confirmed the features in the field between the woodland and the river near the Grange would be protected within the corridor section. He was obtaining a map of the development site showing the boundary. It was understood the corridor section would be handed over to Notts. County Council and Mr Walker suggested the area be included within the project area.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Walker had received a communication from Councillor Joe Lonergan asking if the group would be agreeable to being put forward as 'Green Guardians' and he had said yes.

Sherwood Forest Trust grant – Discussed and Mr Scudder agreed to submit an application. Noted Jonathan Rhodes was looking at several trees but Mr Scudder confirmed the work would probably be undertaken out of Notts. CC's maintenance budget.

Notts. Wildlife Trust – Mr Walker to check accounting to see when the funds were obtained. Mrs Barker to check the file.

Notts. Community Foundation seminar on the 21st September noted.

Gedling Partnership Bulletin April-June 2006.

Gedling CVS - Various correspondences including 'Make a Difference Day' on the 28th October.

Friends of Greenwood Community Forest - Meeting on the 16th October. Mrs Hull would be away on holiday. Mrs Barker to attend subject to holiday commitment.

Greenwood Community Forest – Tree planting grant scheme.

British hardwood Improvement Programme – Details requested of older chestnut trees in the parish for breeding information. Mr Walker to respond.

5. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) **Parish Council** - Mr Walker reported there was no change since the last meeting. Mr Walker had emailed the Parish Council Chairman about the time the Clerk was

spending on the Moor Pond Wood accounts. He confirmed, however, a balance sheet would be requested from the Clerk for the Friends' AGM. Mr Walker to look at a spreadsheet for the budgets.

(b) **Friends' Account**

Income -	July meeting	£25
	BBQ	£130.62
	£32.33	Written back into the account as Mr Scudder had not cashed the cheque.

Mrs Hull confirmed a year-end balance of £6,586.35, with £4,500 being grant allocated.

The project account was discussed and it was agreed to recommend to the Friends and the Parish Council that once the LHI grant had been accounted for any fund balances be transferred from the Parish Council to the Friends' account for future management.

6. **GRANTS**

(a) **LHI** - Mr Walker said he had emailed them asking if they would like to attend the AGM to give a report and to launch the new season of archaeology. Noted some of the archaeologist's work had been paid for from the Building Better Communities grant rather than LHI because of the deadline for the BBC grant. Therefore, Mr Walker had asked Richard Sheppard to write a report on the archaeological weekend work and also where we stood on the interpretation for the bridge. Balance of the LHI grant to be checked and a meeting to be arranged with Ursilla to organise appropriate work.

(b) **Other - Interpretation boards** These were considered a priority – Mr Walker to organise spreadsheet of the fund headings to ascertain how much is available. The costs of an additional board for the Papplewick Lane entrance to be obtained.

Mr Scudder confirmed he had ordered a fourth noticeboard for the Papplewick Lane entrance. Mrs Barker reported the Papplewick Dam noticeboard had been vandalised but Mr Scudder had already ordered new Perspex.

7. **SCULPTURE UPDATE**

The submission of a grant to Building Better Communities was discussed and Mrs Kerr agreed to complete the application form, which would need supporting by the Notts County Councillor Chris Baron. Mr Walker agreed to speak to Mr Baron at a meeting on Monday and ask for his support for the application.

8. **PLUG HOLE**

Mr Scudder reported that he had met with Jason Mordan of Notts. County Council at Ursilla Spence's suggestion because of the condition of the brickwork. Mr Mordan went down the plug hole and was very supportive for its restoration. He will produce a report on what action is to be taken.

9. FRIENDS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr Walker circulated copies of the constitution and it was noted that several clauses needed to be amended. Clauses 4, 15, 19 and 20 were discussed with recommended amendments to be taken to the AGM. With regard to Clause 15 Mrs Hull stated that she had prepared the accounts to the 31st August for presentation at the AGM.

It was agreed that Dennis Hill from Ashfield District Council be invited to a Steering Committee meeting.

Mrs Barker reported Mrs Townsend had confirmed she was prepared to continue as a Friends' representative on the Steering Committee. Mrs Passey and Mrs Kerr also agreed to continue. Mrs Barker said she was prepared to continue as the Steering Committee secretary for one more year.

Subscriptions - Discussed and agreed to recommend an increase to £2 per person and £3 family/group membership to cover any increase in hall hire cost and postage to cover notices to members.

Speakers – Mr Scudder had spoken to Notts. Wildlife Trust re badgers but the group no longer existed.

Friday 27th October – Badgers

Sunday 29th October – Fungi Walk

Friday, 24th November - ? Notts wildlife trust – SW to make enquiries

10. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Archives – Mr Walker confirmed Parish Council information was being put on the website. Mrs Barker to provide Mr Walker with copies of the Steering Committee minutes for inclusion.

Talk - Ann Richards from the Central Methodist young wives had asked for a talk/walk around the site on either the 6th or 20th June. Mr Walker agreed to undertake this and a date to be confirmed.

New Year Party – Due to a number of people being away it was agreed to cancel this year's event.

With no further business the meeting ended.