

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD ‘STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 16th JULY 2007

AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman (arrived 8.00pm)
	Mr A Adams	New Friends Treasurer
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mr D Clayton	Papplewick Parish Council
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council

1. APOLOGIES

In the Chairman's absence Mrs Kerr took the chair and apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mr Hill of Ashfield DC and Mrs Townsend.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2007

Mrs Passey pointed out she had not arrived late at the last meeting. Mrs Kerr pointed out the topic at the Friends meeting on the 20th July was 'The Harvest Mouse' and the meeting in November would be on the 30th. With these amendments Mrs Passey proposed acceptance, which was seconded by Mr Scudder and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hidden Valley – Page 1) Mrs Barker had informed Mr Hill of Ashfield that the Chairman of Papplewick Parish Council, Colin Womble and the District Councillor, Patricia Andrews, had show interest in progressing the project in the Gedling area. A meeting to be arranged. Mrs Barker had not spoken to the Bestwood Country Park Ranger at this stage.

Model of the Site - (Page 1) Mrs Barker had spoken to Mr Barton and although he had not progressed with the model, in a conversation with a resident he was aware of a contact at Ordnance Survey who might be able to help him.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mrs Barker had telephone Mr Hutchinson but he was on holiday until the 23rd. She had also left a message on Stuart Marshall's answer machine about a meeting between him/his brother, Mr Scudder and Mr Walker to discuss the access from the Co-op field into the dam. Mr Walker later agreed to provide Mrs Barker with the dates he would be available for a meeting.

Biodiversity Action Group – Local Nature Reserve (Page 1) Mr Scudder confirmed that during his meeting with Notts. CC officers this had been discussed and subject to the renewal of the new management agreement with the Co-op and the company's agreement Local Nature Reserve status would be designated.

Sculpture (Page 1) Written confirmation of the grant had still not been received from Notts. CC.

Correspondence (Page 2)

Greenwood Community Forest – An application had been submitted for assistance under the Ikea scheme.

Grants (Page 3)

Interpretation - Noted Mr Walker had commissioned the artwork for the panels.

Mr Walker joined the meeting

Pond Outlet - Mr Scudder had met with Stuart Marshall and he had agreed to repair the broken pipe in the field. Mr Scudder confirmed to him assistance with the cost would be made

Grange Mill – Mr Scudder said this area had not been discussed at his meeting with his Notts. CC colleagues. Mrs Kerr pointed out an article in the Hucknall Dispatch confirming there would be a public inquiry into the new development. It was agreed it was not necessary to make any further representations. Mr Walker had not heard from Richard Sheppard re the site being included as part of a university course.

Plug Hole – Mr Scudder had discussed the restoration with Philip Turton and asked Mr Walker if bricks could be stored at his property, which was agreed.

Friends' Annual BBQ (Page 4)

Although everyone felt it had been a success, the damage caused to two cars in the layby had dampened the event. Mrs Kerr also said she had received comments about the price.

Friends' Meetings – Speakers (Page 4)

Mrs Kerr had telephoned Wollaton Hall but had not been able to speak to the person concerned. Mr Scudder had booked Trevor Kinch of Brackenhurst to speak on butterflies at the 30th November. Mrs Hardstaff still to speak to Loz Brookes. Mr Walker confirmed the meetings were now on the Parish Council website.

National Archaeological Weekend (Page 4)

Mr Walker had not discussed this with Richard Sheppard so no work undertaken.

Any Other Matters (Page 4)

Bank Mandate - Taken to the bank by Mr Adams

Disabled Access - Mrs Kerr asked if a key had been obtained but agreed Mr Oldham needed to contact the District Council himself for this.

Constitution - Copies given to Mr Adams and Mr Clayton

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Wildlife Trust – Invitation to event on Saturday 6th October 'Nottingham Urban Wildlife Scheme'. Noted this was the same day as the group's Open Day but agreed to inform Notts.Wildlife Trust the group is interested.

5. DISCUSSION WITH NOTTS. COUNTY COUNCIL

For the benefit of the two members to the committee Mr Walker informed them that Mr Scudder's involvement with the project was on behalf of Notts. CC and following a meeting with his colleagues at County Mr Scudder reported on the outcome, which was as follows:-

1. Notts. CC Management of the Site - There would be a regular management group meeting chaired by Phil Kimbrey to drive and monitor the project and this to liaise closely with the Friends of Moor Pond Wood and Papplewick Parish Council.
2. Renewal of Lease Agreement - To investigate the possibilities of converting the 12 year Management Agreement to a full 25-year lease. Phil Kimbrey and Mr Scudder to take this forward with the Co-op's agents Shoulers.
3. Project Development - The Notts. County Archaeologist, Ecologist and Forestry Officer each to look into 'management and development' plans, restraints and health/safety issues etc. The Ecologist (Nick Crouch) is to look at the various surveys undertaken and to build on the existing Baker Sheppard & Gillespie management plan. Also, to look seriously into the criteria for Local Nature Reserve designation. This obviously needs to be agreed with the Co-op

The Archaeologist (Ursilla Spence) wants to complete the digital topographical survey for the whole site, which would then allow the addition of different levels of water to the digital model showing the flow of water through the site. Ursilla Spence was happy with the group's plans for 'interim' interpretation on the bridge and some at the plughole end. Also, with the restoration of the plughole as discussed with Richard Sheppard and Phil Turton.

The archaeological investigations on the Grange Mill site as agreed with Coftons had not been discussed.

The Forestry Officer (Dave Simpkin) would look to build on the group's tree survey looking into recording details like canopy cover assessments, together with likely damage assessments to archaeology by trees falling over etc. Safety to public will be a priority taking into account ecological and archaeological constraints. Dave Simpkin would be very keen to see and use the group's survey data - Stephen to provide him with this information.

This information was discussed and Mrs Kerr expressed concern about the project being taken over by County and suggested Mr Walker should attend the County meetings but Mr Scudder proposed Phil Kimbrey be invited to a Steering Committee meeting which was agreed. Mr Scudder confirmed Philip Turton had been instructed to proceed with the restoration of the plughole.

6. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council - None

Friends' Account - Income: - £6,550 received from Big Lottery.

Mr Adams questioned the accounts being prepared to the 31st August, whereas in the Constitution stated these should be completed by the 31st March. It was agreed to review the constitution at the AGM in September. Mr Adams also asked who had audited the accounts, which had been the previous Parish Council Chairman, Mr Ian Griffiths. Auditing was discussed and Mrs Passey agreed to ask Carol Spencer if she would be prepared to undertake this.

7. **GRANTS UPDATE**

- (a) **LHI** - Work on the wall around the pond was discussed and the rebuilding of the middle section.

Interpretation Boards - Mr Walker reported on the sub committee meeting to discuss the design and content of the boards for the bridge. He had commissioned the artist to produce the interpretative artwork.

- (b) **Other**

Breathing Spaces - A letter had been received from Big Lottery confirming publicity support available, which was noted.

8. **OPEN DAY**

A meeting attended by Mrs Barker, Mrs Hardstaff Mrs Kerr and Mrs Passey had been held at Joyce Kendall's to discuss details for this event. Mrs Kendall is to give personal invitations to people she thinks will be able to help with the oral history. The event to be advertised in the Parish Magazine; Parish Council Newsletter with posters being displayed in Hucknall library. A press release also to be made.

Mrs Hardstaff had suggested a video film be made of a walk through the woodland and Mr Walker agreed to check out a new digital camcorder at work to see if would be suitable and available.

Mr Adams to ensure Village Hall booked for Friends' meetings until April 2008.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED**

No matters were raised.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed.