

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER 2007

AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Steering Committee Secretary
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group
	Mr C Womble	Papplewick Parish Council Chairman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mr Adams, Mr Clayton and Mrs Kerr.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2007

The Chairman proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Mr Scudder and agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising

Model of the Site - (Page 1) Mr Barton had received base maps from Ashfield District Council and discussed contour heights with Mr Walker. As there was no data relating to this due to their being little contour relief it was agreed the model should be created to look right rather than being accurate.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) The Chairman reported on the site meeting between Paddy Tipping MP, Mrs Barker, Mrs Kerr and Mr Scudder. The route of the proposed new footpath was walked so Mr Tipping could write appropriately to the Co-op. Mrs Barker read a copy of the letter Paddy Tipping had received from the Co-op confirming the Chief Executive had asked its Director of Property to respond. In terms of insurance it was felt any liability would be covered by the permissive agreement.

Biodiversity Action Group – Local Nature Reserve (Page 1) No further news

Friends' Meetings – Speakers (Page 4)

Mrs Kerr had ascertained the speaker on 'Natterjack Toads' was unavailable during March and April and she therefore asked for an alternative date. The Treasurer had informed Mrs Barker the Friends' meetings had been making a loss due to low numbers and the cost of speakers. Mrs Passey proposed speakers be arranged for alternate meetings only, which everyone supported. Agreed in January to have a planning/discussion meeting followed by a speaker on orchids in February. Due to Bank Holidays it was agreed to look at the dates of the monthly meetings, especially Easter and May Bank holidays.

Mrs Hardstaff queried the date of the November meeting. Notices had been prepared for the 30th by Mrs Barker and Mr Scudder had confirmed this was the date he had booked the speaker for. Mrs Barker to check which date the Treasurer had booked.

Following discussion it was agreed to postpone the 1st December search for evidence of harvest mice habitation on the site. Mr Scudder felt there were only two possible areas, both being outside the project area, with one in Linby.

Correspondence (Page 2)

Gedling CVS - Mrs Barker confirmed an article about the project with request for volunteers had appeared in the Gedling CVS newsletter.

Council for British Archaeology - It was agreed the group should join this organisation. Mrs Barker to organise membership.

B.A.G. Newsletter - The Chairman had asked Mr Jackson at Notts. CC not to include the list of circulation names on emails due to the length of the list. Mrs Barker reported the large documents were blocking her email.

Open Day (Page 3)

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support on the ay which he felt had been a success.

Any Other Matters (Page 3)

53 Linby Lane - Mr Walker confirmed planning permission had been given for the new property. Although the owner of No. 53 had initially been unhappy with the post and wire fence erected by Mr Scudder along the boundary, after being informed of the importance of the adjoining leat he had accepted the fence. Mr Walker stated the work undertaken to remove trees from this land had had a knock on effect within the project.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Guided Walks 2008 - Sherwood Forest Trust had asked if MPW wished to host another guided walk. It had been confirmed the usual booklet would not be produced in 2008, but information on the walks made available in other forms, i.e. on the web. Agreed a letter be sent expressing concern at the loss of the booklet.

Nottinghamshire Cares - Noted this business in the community initiative to provide volunteers for projects, and it was agreed to register the Friends group.

Hucknall Dispatch - Noted a letter had been sent by Mrs Barker, following consultation with the Chairman, responding to a letter that had recently appeared in this publication regarding the footpath through Papplewick Dam.

5. ACCOUNTS

Parish Council - Mr Walker had spent time with Mr Whyley, Parish Council Clerk, to finalise the LHI claim, which Mr Whyley had hand delivered by the 31st October. Mr Walker confirmed there had been an overspend but that this could be covered from the fund headings.

6. **GRANTS UPDATE**

- (a) **LHI** - Phase I and II now completed.

Interpretation Final artwork awaited. Mr Scudder confirmed he had organised the frames for the interpretation panels.

- (b) **Other**

Breathing Spaces - Whilst waiting for a decision from the Co-operative Society Mr Scudder suggested the bridge could be constructed in the spring.

Completion of works around the drain to the pond was discussed, together with path improvements and reinstatement of the dipping platform. It was felt discussions needed to be held with the Notts. County Council's experts in order to agree a future plan so that once the new management agreement was signed Phase III could begin.

7. **SHERWOOD: The Living Legend**

Mrs Barker gave a report on the presentation made at the recent Friends of Greenwood Community Forest meeting attended by herself and Mrs Townsend. She informed the committee if the £50 million Big Lottery Bid to provide a new visitor centre in Sherwood Forest at Edwinstow was successful, Papplewick could benefit from a grant up to £27,000 due to it being considered a priority area.

Possible projects for funding were discussed, which included restoration of the leats investigated during the National Archaeological weekends and further archaeology on the Grange Mill site. Also, Papplewick Parish Council's project to see the Calverton mineral line as a multi use link.

It was agreed a flyer be produced which could be circulated round the village encouraging residents to vote for the project. Mr Womble confirmed a Parish Council newsletter was being produced and copies could be inserted into this. Mrs Passey also suggested copies could be given out at the forthcoming Autumn Fayre, subject to agreement, by Rev Turner, and Mrs Townsend agreed to do this. Mrs Barker agreed to produce the leaflet.

8. **HIDDEN VALLEY LEAFLET**

Mr Hill of Ashfield DC had produced a draft leaflet for discussion, copies of which had been given to Mr Walker and Mrs Kerr together with Mr Womble. Mrs Barker read out comments made by Mrs Kerr and Mr Womble confirmed he had submitted comments direct to Mr Hill. The information to be included about the Moor Pond Wood site was discussed and Mr Walker agreed to produce a location map for Mr Hill. It was suggested mileage of routes be included in the leaflet and coloured way markers be considered for identifying the routes. Mrs Barker to discuss with Mr Hill.

Mr Womble informed the meeting he had produced a draft Parish Paths Partnership leaflet on behalf of the Parish Council, which had been submitted to Notts. County Council. This identified the definitive footpaths in the parish and would also include Moor Pond Wood. He confirmed the Parish Council had agreed to give a grant to Ashfield for signage in conjunction with the Hidden Valley leaflet.

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

Interpretation Panels - Mr Scudder confirmed he had paid for the interpretation casements and he was meeting the artist on the 19th.

Grange Mill Site - Mr Walker reported residents had received a letter from Coftons confirming work would be commencing again on the site. It was therefore felt a good time to write to the company informing them of the Sherwood: The Living Legend project and possible funding to explore the archaeology on the corridor section.

Grange Cottage Wood - Mr Scudder informed the meeting he had arranged for the grass to be cut.

Blidworth Way Footpath - Mr Scudder confirmed he had repaired the platform bridge over the grate on Walters Hill by the drive to Barracks Farm.

Greenwood Community Forest - A request had been received for information on the number of volunteers in the group.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged