

**MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'**

**MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20th JUNE 2007**

**AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	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 (arrived at 8.30)
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

Mr Walker welcomed Mr Clayton to the Steering Committee

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs Barker passed on apologies from Mr Denis Hill of Ashfield District Council for the previous meeting together with his suggestion for a workshop style meeting to discuss the project site and what could be included in the proposed Hidden Valley Leaflet. Mrs Barker to contact Mr Womble, the Parish Council Chairman and Mrs Andrews the new Gedling Councillor. Mr Hill had mentioned an inclusion in the leaflet of Bestwood Country Park and Mr Scudder suggested contact be made with the new manager and ranger at the park.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th MAY 2007**

With corrections to names within the minutes Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, which was seconded by Mrs Townsend and agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Model of the Site - (Page 1) No news from Mr Barton

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mrs Barker reported on a discussion with Mr Hutchinson the Co-operative Society's agent re the proposed new footpath following confirmation of the grant from Breathing Spaces. Also, of her conversation with Stuart Marshall about the access made by the farmer from the field to the river in Papplewick Dam. A meeting to be arranged between Mr Marshall, Mr Walker and Mr Scudder.

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

Sculpture Trail (Page 1) Mrs Barker informed the committee of a conversation with Notts. County Council when verbal confirmation had been given that the group's Building Better Communities grant application for the sculpture had been successful. She understood £20,000 could be received but Councillor Smedley had requested further information. Also, that a Notts. CC officer would be allocated to the project but written confirmation was awaited.

Oral History (Page 2) To be discussed under LHI grant.

Any Other Items – Talk (Page 1) Mrs Barker asked Mr Walker if he was able to provide an evening guided walk for members of the Friends of Colliers Wood. He agreed to provide some dates.

**Correspondence** (Page 2)

Gedling CVS - No further contact had been received from Mr Potter.

Green Flag Award - Information requested.

**Any Other Matters**

Lease – Management Agreement (Page 3) Mrs Barker read a letter from Ursilla Spence in response to the Committee's letter to Andy Wickham re extending the agreement with the Co-operative Society. She confirmed she had discussed the site with her Notts. CC colleagues and they felt it was appropriate to revisit the management agreement to make sure that the archaeological dimensions were incorporated into the agreement so the Co-operative Society is aware, and is agreeable, to whatever further archaeological work was planned. Meeting to be arranged with Ursilla in July.

Mrs Barker also confirmed County Councillor Chris Baron had also confirmed his support for the renewal of the agreement to enable the group to apply for Heritage Lottery funding

Treasurer (Page 4) Mrs Barker confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent to Mrs Hull.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Greenwood Community Forest - Details received re the scheme agreed with Ikea whereby its staff take part in Friends' group activities between October and December 2007. Noted a £100 donation would be made to any group taking part towards expenses. Agreed an application be made for help at the Open Day event in October.

Also received from Greenwood details of the annual awards ceremony on 27th June at Mansfield. Mr Walker and Mrs Barker to attend with partners.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

Parish Council - None

Friends' Account

Income:	-	£22.00	Collected from Friends at Laxton tour.
	-	£25.00	Donation received by Mr Walker for his talk to Sherwood Archaeological Society.
	-	£36.00	Donation from Hucknall Central Methodist following Mr Walker's guided tour.
	-	£14.00	Mrs S Ancliff for BBQ tickets and membership.
Expenditure:			
Cheque No. 78	-	£20.00	Cancer Research (in memory of Jean Carter)
No. 79	-	£21.00	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall (hire of hall 2nd Feb, 23rd & 30th March)
No. 80	-	£25.00	Mr S Rose – donation to Laxton Museum following guided tour

**6. GRANT UPDATE**

(a) **LHI**

Interpretation – Mr Walker reported on the meeting held on 7th June to discuss the interpretation panels. A site visit had been made and it was agreed five individual A3 panels be produced and fixed together in a frame which would rest across the bridge rails. Unfortunately, although some BBC grant funding had been agreed it was held up due to the other sections of the application, which were being considered by both Ursilla Spence and Andy Wickham of Notts. CC

Plug Hole - Mr Walker proposed this be topped out and Phil Turton be instructed to undertake this work, which was agreed.

Pond Outlet - Ursilla Spence was in agreement with the proposal to put a drainage pipe from the pond's drain to form an overflow outlet. Also, for the area to be landscaped, providing a photographic record was undertaken. Mr Scudder confirmed he had arranged a meeting with Marshall's to discuss the water flowing from the plughole to Warp Mill.

Open Day 29th September - Mrs Kerr reported that as Mrs Kendall was unavailable on this day an alternative date of 6th October had been agreed. As the hall was already let from 4.00pm it was agreed the event start at 10.00am until 3.00pm. Mrs Barker agreed to speak to Mrs Huggett about providing a buffet. Mrs Kerr suggested a sub committee be formed to organise the day. Mrs Hardstaff and Mrs Passey agreed to assist. Mr Walker to give the digital recorder to Mrs Kendall. Press release and mail shots to be organised by the committee.

Mr Walker suggested work be undertaken on site during the event. Agreed to complete the Greenwood application for support from the Ikea project.

Topographical Survey - Mr Walker reported the archaeologist had not had time to process the information obtained from the survey.

Grange Mill - Mr Walker recapped on the discussion with Coftons and Richard Sheppard, in that the archaeologist's plan was to strip off the top soil to find the top of the walls to the mill. Then to map the site and cover it back up. However, Ursilla Spence would rather wait until the group had the time and money to undertake a complete restoration. Agreed a letter be sent to Ashfield DC and a meeting arranged with Brian Twigg's replacement.

Mr Walker to speak to Richard Sheppard to see if there was any progress with the possibility of the site being included as part of a university course. Noted Richard Sheppard owed the group some time.

In summary:-

- i) LHI accounting to be completed.
- ii) Meeting in October in hand.
- iii) Interpretation panels in hand.
- iv) Meet Ursilla Spence on site to agree programme.
- v) Lee Scudder to speak to Phil Turton on rebuilding the 'Plug Hole'

(b) **Other**

Building Better Communities Grants - Reported earlier in the meeting.

Breathing Spaces - Mrs Barker confirmed a grant of £6,550 had been awarded to the group. This was to provide a new bridge in Papplewick Dam over the river connecting the

current permissive path to a new path the other side linking to the definitive footpath.

96 Trent FM/Youth – Volunteering Charity - Information received from Ashfield DC on grants up to £10,000 from this re partnership for projects to encourage youth volunteering.

## 7. NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND

Noted this would take place on the 14th/15th July weekend. Mrs Kerr questioned whether the group should take part. Mr Walker to speak to Richard Sheppard and if he was unhappy with the group working in the same area as last year, then it was agreed not to take part this year.

## 8. FRIENDS' ANNUAL BBQ

Details for the evening were discussed and agreed, with the final numbers to be reported to Mrs Kerr by Wednesday, 27th so the food order could be confirmed. Mr Scudder to obtain the charcoal and Mrs Hardstaff to provide the BBQ's and bring along the skittles.

## 9. FRIENDS' MEETINGS

28th July - Neil Pinder on 'The field mouse'  
 29th September - Annual General Meeting.  
 27th October - David Goodard on 'Dragonflies'  
 24th November - To be arranged.

Mrs Kerr still trying to organise a talk on deer. Mrs Hardstaff agreed to contact Loz Brookes to give a talk on orchids at a meeting in 2008.

## 10. ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED

Meeting re Interpretation Panels - Mrs Kerr felt a further meeting needed to be arranged.

Bank Mandate - Mr Adams requested completion of the bank mandate. Those members who had agreed to be signatories signed the form, which was witnessed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Maintenance Funding - Mr Scudder reported he had a meeting with his managers on 22nd June to discuss additional funding for on site maintenance work.

Disabled Access - Noted the disabled gentleman who wished to gain access to the site was a Mr R Oldham of 72 Papplewick Lane, Hucknall, NG15 8EF.

Constitution - Both Mr Adams and Mr Clayton requested a copy of the friends' group constitution.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 28th June – Interpretation Committee meeting – 6.00pm at 41 Main Street.

Monday, 16th July – Steering Committee at 41 Main Street.

