

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

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY 2008**

**AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mr A Adam	Friends' Group Treasurer
	Mrs M Barker	Steering Committee Secretary
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mr D Hill	Ashfield District Council
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2007**

Mrs Passey proposed acceptance, 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 written a letter to be published in the Hucknall Dispatch on the 18th January informing readers of his project and asking for help and information.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mrs Barker reported on conversations Mrs Kerr and herself had had with the Co-operative Society regarding the new footpath route. She reported Mr Malcolm Burns had confirmed the Co-op would be happy to give permission for a permissive path passing over its field to the east of the dam. Also, that the company would have no objection to extending the current management agreement. Mrs Barker had subsequently spoken to Mr Phil Kimbrey of Notts. County Council who would now progress with the legal department the preparation of a new management agreement and permissive path agreement.

It was felt the materials could now be bought in for creating the path and the bridge over the river.

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

Council for British Archaeology (Page 2) A cheque for £33 had been drawn up by the Treasurer for a subscription to this body. Mrs Barker to complete the application form.

Guided Walks 2008 (Page 2) Mrs Barker read the response received from Notts. CC on the change in promoting the walks after 2008. Mr Scudder confirmed details needed to be submitted immediately. It was agreed not to host a walk in 2008.

**Sherwood: The Living Legend** (Page 3)

Disappointment was expressed that the project had been unsuccessful. Mrs Barker pointed out the participating bodies would still progress a new visitor centre together with connections to other areas and projects.

4. **HIDDEN VALLEY LEAFLET**

Mrs Barker thanked Mr Hill from Ashfield DC for providing a further copy map of the site. Mr Hill from Ashfield DC produced a revised leaflet for everyone to consider. It was noted the footpaths had not yet been detailed as yet and agreed the new footpath in the dam should be included. Mrs Kerr to be given a copy.

Mr Hill confirmed he had sufficient funding to print the leaflet in the current financial year, but if providing the information in that timescale was a problem he could fund the leaflet in the new financial year. Mr Walker to send base maps etc to Mr Hill. Members to read the leaflet and confirm any alterations to him via Mrs Barker.

5. **GRANTS UPDATE + PHASE III**

**LHI** - Mr Walker confirmed the final claim cheque of £7,542 had been received from LHI and banked by the Parish Council Clerk. It was noted this was less than the final claim but agreed the balance could be funded from the balance of the Powergen grant because work had been undertaken around the pond.

**Interpretation** - Mr Scudder confirmed the frames for the interpretation boards and these were in store. There had been an extra cost of £231.17 inc. for additional locking mechanism and Perspex. The final artwork was awaited and once received the text could be planned around it.

**Other** - Plug hole and pond. Noted a pipe had been inserted into the drain and sealed and once the water level reseeds an up-stand pipe would be added. Mr Scudder confirmed the Marshall's would be repairing the broken pipe in the field and once completed he suggested the bung be taken out of the pipe in the pond to see if water flows out to Warp Mill pond.

**Phase III** – Notts. CC to pursue an extension of the management agreement and the permissive path from the dam. A meeting to be arranged with the Notts. CC officers.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Gedling CVS** newsletter – to be circulated

7. **ACCOUNTS**

**Parish Council Account** - Mr Womble confirmed the Parish Clerk had been asked to provide details of the Parish Council's account balance for the project. Mr Walker stated the Friends group needed to agree a plan to utilise the remaining funds held by the Parish Council.

<b><u>Friends' Account</u></b> - Income	Membership	-	£143.00
	Meetings	-	73.00
	Bank Interest	-	8.66
	Ikea donation	-	£100.00
Expenditure	Speakers	-	£55.00

	Balances:	General fund	-
£1,794.00			
	Interpretation	-	£3,940.00
	Breathing Spaces/footpath	-	£6,550.00

The Treasurer confirmed the group's account held approximately £2,00 in the general fund and £10,000 allocated for specific projects. Mr Adams informed the committee that following his financial review he could confirm the group was not liable for tax on interest received. He was, however, discussing a better deal with the Yorkshire Bank or alternative bank, as necessary.

#### **8. FRIENDS' MEETINGS**

Dates and speakers were discussed and a timetable agreed for circulation. It was noted the speaker on orchids was unable to make the February meeting but an alternative speaker would give a talk on Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group and moths.

It was agreed to hold a fund raising barn dance and 30th May was suggested. Mr Adams to check the hall availability and Mr Walker the caller. Mrs Kerr to be asked to check if the speaker on the 'Natterjack' toad could address the July meeting.

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

Mrs Barker raised the matter of 'Oak decline', which had been talked about in the news. Mr Scudder was aware Notts CC had undertaken a study in Sherwood. Greenwood to be approached to ascertain symptoms.

Mrs Barker informed the committee she had been asked to speak the church Ladies Group about the project on the 12th May.

#### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 30th January