

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17th JULY 2008

AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK

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

1. APOLOGIES

In receiving and accepting apologies on behalf of Mrs Kerr, Mr Walker welcomed and introduced Mr David McCracken as the new Papplewick Parish Council representative on the committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2008

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising

Model of the Site - (Page 1) Mr Barton had confirmed to Mrs Barker that Mr Wensley was no longer assisting him with the level plans. There was nothing further to report.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Both Mr Scudder and Mrs Barker had spoken to Phil Kimbrey of Notts. CC. He was still waiting to hear from Mr Burns of the Co-op, although he confirmed County's legal department was progressing the permissive footpath agreement. In this regard once Mr Kimbrey had provided some further information the agreement should be available within a couple of weeks. Mrs Barker pointed out part of the path was owned by the Co-op but Mr Kimbrey felt this area could be covered by the new agreement between County and the Co-op. Mrs Barker agreed to send a further email to Mr Burns and if no response was received within a couple of weeks to write again to his boss and Paddy Tipping MP.

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

Council for British Archaeology (Page1) Nothing further received although a second newsletter was expected.

Hidden Valley Leaflet (Page 1) Mr Walker to send final amendments to Mr Hill at Ashfield.

Ecology Report (Page 2) Mr Walker had completed the report, which he would circulate in the autumn.

Barn Dance (Page 2)

The Treasurer still could not confirm the amount raised as he was still waiting an invoice for the hire of the village hall. It was noted a new Booking Secretary had now been appointed.

Any Other Items (Page 2)

Interpretation - Mr Scudder confirmed further details had been sent to the artist.

Ash Trees - Mr Scudder still to speak to Mr Simpkin the Forestry Officer.

Friends Meeting - The 'Owl' talk on the 30th May had been good, as had the BBQ which had raised nearly £100. Friday, 25th July – Mrs Barker reported the speaker on 'Natterjack Toads' had not materialised. During the meeting Mrs Hardstaff telephoned her friend who could speak on 'Polar Bears' but had to leave a message. Mr Adams, Mr Walker, Mr Scudder and Mrs Townsend all said they would not be attending and cancelling the meeting was discussed. If Mrs Hardstaff confirmed her friend was available, Mrs Barker agreed to telephone members to see if there was sufficient interest to go ahead with the meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Gedling CVS - Community Eye newsletter and other information to be circulated.

Grant Aid - Mrs Barker was in receipt of information relating to grants which was noted.

5. ACCOUNT

Parish Council - No cheque had been received from the Parish Council and it was noted the Clerk had resigned. Mr McCracken informed the meeting Mrs Robinson was undertaking the Clerk's role and the £750 payment to the Friends had been discussed at the last meeting. He understood this was in hand - Mr Walker to speak to the Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr Walker confirmed it was still his intention the accounts be separated and the Friends' Group look after the balance of grant funding.

Friends Group - The Treasurer confirmed the following fund balances:-

Breathing Spaces	-	£5,850
Interpretation	-	£3,709
General	-	£2,734.32 but up by £100 from BBQ

6. BREATHING SPACES GRANT – New Footpath in Papplewick Dam

The contractor had installed the section of the new footpath from the bridge through to the fields on the east side of the river. Mr Scudder confirmed the route of the new footpath alongside the fishing pond had been strimmed and the contractor would shortly be installing the post and wire fencing delineating the line of the path. Two gates would then be installed in the hedge gaps.

Mrs Barker had spoken to the funder and although an extension of the grant deadline had been given until the end of August this would not allow for the planting of the hedge alongside the fence. Mr Scudder to speak to Old Hall Nurseries about obtaining an invoice for purchasing the hedge for planting later.

7. MOOR POND WOOD - ARCHAEOLOGY

Interpretation - Mr Scudder had spoken to the artist who had received details of winding gear. He would now prepare the various aspects for display and had invited the group to his

Mickleover studio. Suggested a visit be made between 11th and 22nd August. Once the artist's work was received it would need to go to the Notts. CC graphics for finalisation.

Archaeology - Phil Kimbrey still to organise a meeting of various Notts. CC officers to which Mr Walker would be invited to discuss the future of the project.

8. **LEEN VALLEY CORRIDOR**

Mr Scudder reported the meeting with the Bestwood Country Park Rangers had been shelved due to the delay with the Cofton site.

Warp Mill - Mr Walker informed the meeting Mrs Welling was experiencing water leaking from the field through her wall and across the drive. Mr Scudder to speak to Marshall's about the line of the new pipe installed in the field entrance.

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

Sycamores - Mr Scudder pointed out that part of the agreement with Chris Ryder of the Forestry Commission had been that when the sycamores were taken down 20 trees would be planted.

Mrs Barker showed members a water colour painting she had been given showing Papplewick Lane, probably before the road was widened and showing Moor Pond Wood trees together with Warp Mill. She was going to undertake some research into the painter.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Beginning of September before the AGM. Mr Walker stated he would be unavailable for the AGM on the 26th September. Mr Adams to check with the Village Hall if an alternative date was available.