

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER 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
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group
	Mr D McCracken	Papplewick Parish Council
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends' Group

1. APOLOGIES

None

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

With two minor alterations Mrs Passey proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was seconded by Mr Adams and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising

Model of the Site - (Page 1) Mr Walker had spoken to Mr Barton who was waiting for the maps Mr Hill of Ashfield DC had agreed to provide.

Papplewick Dam (Page 1) Mr Scudder confirmed he was dealing with the permissive path agreement. He reported a member of the fishing club had challenged the contractor undertaking the footpath construction, saying the fishing club owned the land in question. Mr Scudder to speak to Colin Tinker, a member of the fishing group and also to Mr Cundy.

Mrs Barker reported on a conversation with Phil Kimbrey of Notts. CC and Mr Hutchinson the Co-op's agent. Mr Hutchinson agreed to email Mr Burns of the Co-op requesting confirmation as to whether the Co-op was in agreement with a new lease or just an extension to the existing agreement. To be chased in 10 days time if no response received.

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

Council for British Archaeology (Page 1) Mr Walker had received a further newsletter which would be circulated.

Hidden Valley Leaflet (Page 1) Mr Walker had sent final amendments to Denis Hill who had emailed Mrs Barker to confirm he was now only waiting for approval from the Chaworth Musters estate regarding access to Diadem Hill. In the meantime, he had submitted the leaflet to the printers.

Ecology Report (Page 2) Available from Mr Walker.

Barn Dance (Page 2) The Treasurer was still unable to confirm the amount raised as he was still waiting an invoice for the hire of the village hall.

Ash Trees (Page 2) Mr Scudder had reminded Mr Simpkin about looking at these.

Leen Valley Corridor (Page 3)

Mr Scudder had no further definite news.

Warp Mill - Mr Scudder informed the meeting of the works undertaken to establish the leakage problem across Mrs Welling's drive. He confirmed she was now pleased because the unconnected pipework had been discovered and repaired.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Council for British Archaeology events – to be circulated together with newsletter.

Mr Chris Thompson requesting comments from guided walks leaders re the new way of promoting the Notts. CC guided walks programme. It was felt the new system was not as ideal – suggestion the individual walks be reported in the Nottingham Evening Post.

Greenwood Community Forest - Growing Success Newsletter in which the annual awards were reported and the award to Mrs Barker.

Greenwood CF tree planting grants for 2008. Agreed to make a grant application

Greenwood CF offer of a free publicity banner for members. Agreed to request one.

Greenwood CF invitation to local Biodiversity Action Partnerships Annual Forum on 10th & 11th October at Bramcote Memorial Hall and Pleasley Landmarks Centre.

Greenwood CF – details had been received about a lady who rescues animals in Kirkby who could give a talk. It was agreed to approach her to see if she would speak at the October meeting.

Notts. CC leaflets on events in Bestwood Country Park – copies taken by members.

Gedling CVS – AGM 11th September at the Old School Linby / Community Eye and other information to be circulated.

Action on Tourism – a Rural Community Action Notts project. Mrs Barker had attended an event held in Papplewick Village Hall. Follow up correspondence had been received regarding the formation of a Steering Group of 'The Byron Villages'.

5. **ACCOUNT**

Parish Council - No movement.

<u>Friends</u>	-	Income	-	£41.50 taken on the door for the July meeting £750 from the Parish Council
		Expenditure	-	£25 to the speaker at the July meeting

Mr Adams recommended that Mrs Carol Spencer be asked to undertake the audit of the Friends' account, which was unanimously agreed.

Mr Walker reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult sorting out the Parish Council's Moor Pond Wood account. He was going to work out the amount of funding held by the Parish Council and discuss with the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Robinson a handover of the balance to the Friends so the Council's account could be closed.

7. BREATHING SPACES GRANT – New Footpath in Papplewick Dam

The contractor had completed the footpath works including fencing and had submitted his account for £7,499.50. The completion of the final report was discussed. Mr Walker to discuss the possible payment of this invoice by the Parish Council in lieu of handing over the fund balance to the Friends.

The new footpath was discussed, in particular the new footbridge and wire fencing. It was noted that pupils of Holgate School would be helping to plant the new hedge.

8. INTERPRETATION AND FUTURE WORKS

Mr Walker reported on his visit with Mr Scudder to the artist's studio at Mickleover. The designs were discussed with the artist agreeing to produce watercolours, which would form the basis of the bridge interpretation panels. Mr Walker informed the meeting he had asked the artist for a price to produce a digital version of the designs which could be used on the website.

It was noted 24 of Holgate's 15/16 year-old pupils would be taking part in an archaeology workday on the 2nd October. There would be two groups, one working with Emily the archaeologist and the other with Lee, possible hedge planting. Mr Walker informed the committee some of the students wanted to undertake a project for their history curriculum. He confirmed the Village Hall and facilities had been booked for the 2nd October from 8.45am

9. FRIENDS MEETINGS INCLUDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was confirmed the AGM would take place on the 19th October – confirmation to be sent to all members. Mr Walker said he would provide an illustrated Chairman's report on the project during 2007/08 and plans for the future.

Mrs Barker suggested a cheese and wine evening for the AGM in order to attract as many members as possible. This was felt to be a good idea and Mr Walker stated it could be a celebration of the completion of the Local Heritage Initiative grant and of the new footpath, which was agreed.

Mr Adams, as Treasurer made the following recommendations in respect of the annual subscriptions:-

Family membership be scrapped
£3 for adults (as previous)
£1 under 18 year olds
£5 for any group membership

His recommendations were unanimously agreed.

The monthly Friends meetings were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that these be held on the third or second to last Friday of the month in order to avoid Bank Holidays. Mr Adams to check with the Village Hall Booking Secretary whether the 24th October, 21st November, 23rd January, 20th February and 20th March were available. It was agreed the November 2008 meeting would include a report on the work undertaken by the Holgate students and that the March 2009 a project planning meeting. Speakers to be considered for January/February – Claire to contact the orchid speaker and Lee the Bestwood Country Park Rangers.

10. GREENWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST

Correspondence from Greenwood Community Forest had been dealt with under correspondence.

Mrs Barker reported on the Friends of Greenwood Community Forest meeting attended by herself and Mrs Townsend and held at Mansfield Woodhouse. Also, that she had agreed to be on a committee looking at the future of the Friends of Greenwood Community Forest.

11. ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED

Mr Scudder reported on a conversation with Robert and Stuart Marshall regarding the new footpath when they voiced their concerns at not being informed this was being constructed. They were worried about the security of their pumping equipment when used for extracting water from the river onto the adjoining field. Mr Scudder had discussed the provision of a secure compound for the equipment next to the new footpath, which he had costed at £3,000. He had discussed this with his line managers but it was something that needed to be progressed.

Mr Scudder also reported that Heather Duncan was pursuing her claim for slipping on the dipping platform. This was discussed and possible preventative measure for the future. The use of chicken wire/tar and sand on the platforms / bridge were specifically discussed.

Mr Walker welcomed Mrs Kerr back to the meetings and thanked her for attending.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 13th November 2008