

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

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH 2009**

**AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK**

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mr A Adams	Treasurer
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council (arrived 7.45pm)
	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

Visitors: Mr S Briggs and Miss H Reeves

**1. APOLOGIES**

It was noted Mrs Hardstaff would be late joining the meeting.

The Chairman then introduced Sam Briggs and Helen Reeves who had agreed to undertake the production of an interactive website for the Friends' group.

Sam confirmed he had started designing the website and had attended the funding fair with Mrs Kerr. He confirmed he had completed an application to Ashfield District Council for a grant and this had to be sent off.

Helen informed the committee of her business plan and budget for creating audio podcasts which could be accessed and downloaded from the website. She gave an overview of how she proposed to create the podcasts and their content. With regard to the 'voice overs' for the podcasts Helen felt the Friends' group should choose the person to undertake this.

If expenditure costs became an issue Sam and Helen were asked to report back.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2009**

With the inclusion of Mr Adam's apologies, Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, 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 started the model but before progressing further he wanted the comments of the Committee and Friends. Mrs Barker had confirmed to him the date of the next Friends' meeting on the 29th April.

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

Ash Trees (Page 1) The work to these trees had been undertaken by Notts. CC.

Compound (Page 1) Mr Scudder still waiting for a quote from the Marshall's.

Insurance Claim (Page 1) Mr Scudder had provided a second statement. He asked

Mrs Barker if she could confirm what had been included in the minutes of the meeting following the incident.

Building Better Communities Grant (Page1) Mr Scudder to check the grant availability.

Greenwood Community Forest Banner (Page 1) Wording had been submitted by Mr Walker.

Any Other Matters – Dam Banks Wood (Page 2) Mr Scudder had rescued the fencing and it had been reused.

**Project Website** (Page 2)

Mr Walker confirmed the experimental site originally used had now been taken down.

**Updates - Management Agreement** (Page 3)

Mr Scudder confirmed the new path agreement was ready for signing by Mr Cundy.

**Friends' Meetings – 29th April** (Page 3)

Mrs Kerr expected Mr Budworth to contact her with a view to him being guided around the site at around 6.30 prior to this meeting.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Hidden Valley/New Footpath - An email had been received from Denis Hill of Ashfield confirming he would be preparing the signage for consideration.

Paddy Tipping - Mrs Barker had sent the MP a copy of the new Hidden Valley leaflet and he had acknowledged receipt, confirming he had recently visited the site.

Friends of Bestwood Country Park - An invitation had been received for any of the MPW Friends to attend this group's BBQ to be held on the 16th May. To be reported at the next Friends' meeting.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

**Friends' Account** A reduction in the interest rate on the account was noted. Mr Adams confirmed the following expenditure:

BTCV subscription	-	£35
Trees	-	£245.54

(to be refunded by Greenwood)

The current bank balance was noted as £5,492, which included £3,940 for interpretation and £1,640 in the general fund.

**Parish Council** - Mr Walker confirmed he was checking the MPW accounts. £1,500 spent on archaeological exploration.

**6. GRANT FUNDING**

Mr Walker had spoken to Richard Sheppard the archaeologist who had confirmed he still had a budget of £300 and he had agreed to undertake a digital survey of the Dam Banks area recently cleared by Lee and the Leen Valley Conservation Group. The archaeologist would then produce an archive on disc to include photographs.

- (a) Breathing Spaces - Decision to be made end of April. Mrs Kerr had received an email from Helen Sykes re the Spring Watch weekend. This had been mentioned at the recent Friends' meeting when Mr Walker, Mrs Barker and Mrs Kerr had confirmed they would not be available the weekend of the 6th June. As no other members had offered to spearhead the event it was agreed an alternative weekend be agreed. Mr Adams to find out which weekends the Village Hall would be available.
- (b) Capital Grant – New Footpath - Mr Walker confirmed Papplewick P. Council had agreed to allocate £1,500 from this grant aid towards the surfacing of the new footpath.

## 7. PROJECT UPDATE

Dam Banks Wood - Lee Scudder and his volunteers had undertaken hedge planting. He understood the farmers were still planning to install the pipeline down to the river but he had asked them to give three days notice so the archaeologist could be present.

Management Agreement - Mr Walker to prepare the necessary information relating to the pond etc. It was noted the developer of the Grange Farm site had gone into liquidation and the future of the corridor section was discussed. Agreed Ashfield be contacted re future access to this land for archaeology exploration and its management.

## 8. FRIENDS' MEETINGS

- 24th June - Email Colin Womble re inclusion of a walk around the site in the next Parish Council newsletter.
- July - Andy Adams to check when the Village Hall would be free for the Breathing Spaces event.

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

Mrs Hardstaff had arranged to give Mr Woolrich (who had given the talk on dovecotes) a guided walk around the site. Mrs Barker agreed to join them.

Mrs Barker suggested a noticeboard be considered for the Linby Lane site entrance. She also asked when a footpath sign would be installed for the new path, as walkers were still using the unofficial path along the west side of the fishing pond. Mr Scudder confirmed once the agreement was finalised this would be installed.

An approach had been made to Kay McKenzie, the Clerk to Papplewick Parish Council who had said she could be interested in taking the minutes for the Steering Committee. Further discussions needed.

Mrs Passey asked if the Committee would have an input into where the points of interest for the podcasts would be identified in the site. Several locations were then identified by the Committee, which Mr Walker agreed to pass on to Helen. Mrs Passey wished to specifically see one identifying the proposed sculpture interpretation.

Mr Walker felt a fund raising campaign was needed and it was agreed this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Interpretation panels – sub committee had met on the 9th March and prior to the current meeting. 5 panels to be designed.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 6th May 2009. Mrs Barker and Mrs Hardstaff gave their apologies.