

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 2009

AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mr A Adams	Treasurer
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mr McCracken, Mrs Passey, Mrs Townsend and Mr Scudder.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JUNE 2009

Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance, seconded by Mr Adams and agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters Arising

Biodiversity Action Group – Local Nature Reserve (Page 2) No movement.

Compound (Page 1) Mr Scudder had met the contractor on site on the 23rd July to discuss the design and location.

Building Better Communities Grant (Page 2) No progress until the new agreement signed.

Updates - New Footpath Agreement (Page 2) Mr Walker confirmed Mr Scudder had spoken to Mr Cundy who had the agreement to sign.

Hidden Valley/New Footpath (Page 2) - Mrs Barker read an email from Mr Hill of Ashfield DC. He had confirmed the Steering Committee would be consulted on the wording for the footpath signage for Moor Pond Wood.

Mr Hill had also confirmed the name of the Planning Officer dealing with the Grange Farm development site. Mr Walker and Mrs Hardstaff reported the corridor section between the site and the river was getting very overgrown and needed some maintenance. In Mr Scudder's absence Mrs Barker said she would email Phil Kimbrey at Notts. CC.

Grant Funding – New Footpath (Page 2) Completed.

Friends' Meeting - Moth Survey (Page 3) No contact from Mr Budworth. Mr Walker to contact the lady from the Long Eaton Naturalist Society who said she could help with this project.

Any Other Matters - Noticeboard (Page 3) Mr Walker confirmed an invoice had been received for £200. On checking with the company he had been informed the invoice was for

making a whole new noticeboard, as opposed to remaking the front door panel. The invoice had been paid and the new board was awaited.

Correspondence:

Greenwood Community Forest Awards (Page 3) Mrs Hardstaff, the Walker family and Mr & Mrs Barker had attended a very interesting evening.

Worm Survey (Page 3) Mrs Barker reported Mrs Townsend and herself had undertaken the worm survey on the 23rd July and completed the questionnaire. Only one worm had been found but they felt the area of the digs had, perhaps, not been the best locations.

Project Update – Papplewick Dam (Page 4) Mr Walker informed the meeting he had spoken to Mrs Griffiths who had been happy with the action taken. However, he pointed out that it was not illegal for such wire to be used, although a Code of Conduct existed regarding positioning.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NHS - Invitation received to annual public meeting on the 24th September – noted.

Gedling CVS – AGM 10th September and forum meeting on 20th October - noted.

Notts. Ramblers - Letter received from Chris Thompson regarding the reinstatement of the guided walks programme. Agreed to support the project and confirm we would host a guided walk in May/June.

Greenwood Community Forest - Mrs Barker reported on the recent Friends of Greenwood meeting attended by herself and Mrs Townsend. At this meeting discussion groups had been formed to consider the organising of friends groups, events and work programmes. It had been brought to everyone's attention the need for adequate insurance cover for friends group members when working on site.

Mrs Barker pointed out the wording on the BTCV membership renewal form, in that groups had to specifically take out insurance, it was not part of the membership. It was noted that Friends of MPW were covered when working with Lee and his group under the Notts. CC insurance. However, it was agreed Mr Adams should check the cost of BTCV insurance to cover any member undertaking work when Mr Scudder was not present. Agreed this to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. **ACCOUNTS**

Friends' Account - Mr Adams presented a draft statement of accounts for comment. It was noted that income was down due to lower subscriptions, bank interest and expenses incurred for speakers. The accounts would be presented to the Friends at the AGM on the 30th September.

Parish Council - Mr Walker confirmed there had been no movement in the Council's Moor Pond Wood account. A balance of £8,000 was noted.

6. **PROJECT UPDATES**

a) **Website** - Mr Walker had been informed there was a six month waiting list for Community Foundation grants. He had discussed a lottery grant submission with Sam

and an application had been completed on line. However, the Lottery had no record of

receiving it which meant completing another application.. Funding of this project was discussed. Mrs Barker proposed the project be funded from the Parish Council MPW account, which was unanimously agreed.

Mrs Kerr pointed out markers needed to be erected around the site to correspond with the podcasts on the website.

- b) **Interpretation Panels** - The sub committee had met twice and agreed text and layout. Mr Scudder to arrange a meeting with the artist. He also hoped to have a mock-up to display at the Friends' AGM.
- c) **Plughole** - Mr Walker had drawn up an action plan in respect of finishing the plughole and around the pond drain but written agreement from the archaeologist was awaited. In the meantime, Mr Scudder had proceeded with landscaping around the plughole. He had also removed the steps down to the pond and rebuilt those from the Papplewick Lane entrance. In clearing around the plughole area a stone wall had been uncovered. Emily, one of the archaeologists had been on site to record it and Mr Walker had also informed Richard Sheppard, archaeologist, about the wall who was also going to make an inspection.

Mr Walker had also discussed with Richard Sheppard his report on the levelling and exploration work. Mr Sheppard confirmed the report was not finished which was why an invoice had not been sent. Mr Walker had invited Mr Sheppard to the Friends' AGM to view the model.

8. **FRIENDS' AGM**

- a) **Subscriptions** - The treasurer recommended these be unchanged at £3 per member, £1 for under 18s and £5 per group. This was unanimously agreed.
- b) **Site Model** - Mr Barton would display the model at the AGM meeting and Mr Walker had spoken to the Village Hall Secretary, Catherine and her husband Paul about it being displayed in the hall. They had both been in favour. It was agreed they should be invited to the AGM to view the model.
- c) **Fund Raising Events** - A barn dance in November was discussed. Mr Walker agreed to obtain available dates from the caller. Mrs Barker reported Joyce Kendall had offered to host a coffee morning. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

Mr Walker had produced an plan for archaeology which he put forward as a 'Statement of Intent' to include:-

- * Mapping and conserving work already carried out.
- * Complete as a priority the plughole and pond outflow area, including interpretation on the plughole and bridge.
- * Uncovering the sluice above the bridge and feasibility of making a feature of it.
- * Start interpretation and writing up what we have done so far.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed