

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

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20th JANUARY 2010**

**AT 143 MOOR ROAD, PAPPLEWICK**

Present:

Mr S Walker	Chairman
Mrs M Barker	Secretary
Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
Mrs M Kerr	Friends Group (arrived 7.45pm)
Mr D McCracken	Papplewick Parish Council
Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
Mr L Scudder	Notts. County Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mrs Townsend. Mrs Kerr had confirmed she would be late.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th NOVEMBER 2009**

Mrs Passey proposed acceptance, seconded by Mr Scudder and agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Matters Arising**

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

Compound (Page 1) It was noted work had been delayed due to weather conditions.

Building Better Communities Grant (Page 1) Mr Scudder had no further news but confirmed this would now be known as LIS funding.

New Footpath Agreement (Page 1) Mr Scudder had spoken to the fourth legal officer at Notts. CC's who would now be dealing with this. He had provided all relevant information and understood the landowner's solicitor had also been in touch with County. Mr Scudder hoped that delegated powers would now be given so the matter could be finalised.

Friends' Meeting - Moth Survey (Page 1) Mr Walker still to follow up with the lady from the Long Eaton Naturalist Society who said she could help with this project.

Noticeboard (Page 1) Mr Scudder to re-assemble and fix back on its posts.

*7.45pm – Mrs Kerr joined the meeting,*

Grange Farm (Page 3) Following Mr McCracken's report of large earth moving equipment arriving on site, Mrs Barker had emailed Mr Hill at Ashfield DC. He in turn had spoken to the Planning Department and understood a representative from Camland Developments was brokering a deal between all developers involved. Mr Hill had expressed concern over the meadow area and hedgerow and asked that these issues be raised during relevant discussion. The Planning Department had confirmed N.H.B.C. was now dealing with this project and unless there was an infringement or change the project was out of its hands.

Insurance (Page 3) - Noted a template still needs to be produced.

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Gedling CVS – Community Eye** and other literature.

**Patricia Andrews** – Email received regarding Notts. CC’s funding of The Greenwood Community Forest Team together with a suggestion that contact be made with Gedling Borough Council regarding the Moor Pond Wood project.

**Greenwood Community Forest** – Mr Walker reported the Group’s supported had been requested by Greenwood in respect of the possible cut in funding by Notts. CC. He had checked County’s website but found no specific reference to reduced funding so he was contacting Gill Grievson at Greenwood for confirmation before a response was submitted. In the meantime, he read out two letters of support produced by the Friends of Greenwood Community Forest and the Friends of Brinsley Headstocks Group as examples. Agreed Mr Walker to submit a response once he had spoken to Gill.

**Green Estates** - Members had received an email from Mr Scudder requesting support for his department and Mr Walker read out a proposed response from MPW. Mrs Kerr also said she would submit comments.

**Social History** - Mr Walker had been in correspondence with a professor of social history at Leeds University regarding labour in the mills, as he had mentioned Papplewick within her research. He was able to confirm that she had agreed to talk to the group and this had been arranged for the May meeting. Mr Walker also suggested the Hucknall heritage group be invited to the meeting, which was agreed. Details to be included in the Parish Magazine and Hucknall Dispatch.

Mr Walker was also going to contact a Rainworth man who had been involved in the bleaching and dyeing industry. He felt this contact might be able to provide information relating to the kind of infrastructure needed for these processes, which would help in identifying areas within the project site.

#### 5. **ACCOUNTS**

**Parish Council** - Mr Walker had asked the Council for a settlement figure on its MPW account but no statements had been received as yet from the bank. Mr McCracken said the Council had made some progress and hopefully a statement would be received shortly.

**Friends’ Account** - In Mr Adams’ absence no accounts were presented but Mrs Barker confirmed prior to Christmas she had been given a cheque for £500 from Mr Gilbert by way of a donation. This had been given to Mr Adams to bank and a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Gilbert.

#### 6. **PROJECT UPDATES**

a) **Website** - Mr Walker confirmed the website was now live with all the information sections working and that a sightings page had been included so visitors to the site could add details of any species they spotted. Unfortunately, the video/sound links were not operational as in order to activate these a one off charge of £78 would need to be made to the server and then a maintenance cost of £60 per annum would be incurred. Mr Walker had pointed this out at the last Parish Council meeting to see if it would underwrite the cost. Mr McCracken said the Council had decided to see how things worked before making a decision. In the meantime, Mr Walker proposed the

£75 be paid by the group to get these sections up and running which was unanimously agreed. He pointed out the website would be the major record of what is undertaken on the project site.

Mrs Kerr asked about the installation of the information posts at the points noted on the site map. It was felt these could be installed as markers incorporating the new Hidden Valley signs.

- b) **Interpretation Panels** - Mr Scudder displayed information to be included in the five panels on the bridge. A meeting on the 15th February was arranged to progress these further.

Mr Walker had spoken to someone at the Land Registry who had agreed to undertake some research into the court case involving Lord Byron, as it was felt there might be some information relating to the site.

- c) **Plughole** - Mr Scudder confirmed he had been down and it had been cleared of silt. The Structural Engineer had provided a report stating that in his view the shaft could safely carry water up to a height of 2 metres.

An update was given on the area below the plughole where further stone walling had been unearthed together with a brick arch culvert. Richard Sheppard had made an inspection and had suggested further excavation of the area. Mrs Kerr suggested if the it would be an ideal location for an interpretation panel if the excavations had to be covered up. This was thought to be an excellent idea.

It was agreed work should be started around the pond, once the water level had fallen, utilising the money in the Parish Council account.

- d) **Model** - Mr Walker reported the design Mr Barton had produced which showed how the model could be fixed to the wall in the lounge had been sent to the last Management Committee meeting. However, the Committee decided the model should be located in the corridor, although Mr Walker had not received formal confirmation of this. He felt he needed to speak to the Chairman, Mr Wisser to clarify the decision.

Mrs Barker read out a letter from Mr Barton confirming the model would be finished by the end of January. He also asked that within the design of the legend he would like a dedication to his wife Wendy. He gave dimensions available for the legend which were noted. It was also noted the cabinet would need to be individually designed and Mr Scudder agreed to speak to the artists about this. Mrs Barker would contact Sherwood Industries the maker of the original cupboards in the Village Hall lounge.

## 7. **HIDDEN VALLEY SIGNS**

Mr Hill of Ashfield had asked the printers to produce a mock-up.

## 8. **FRIENDS' MEETINGS AND BARN DANCE**

27th January 2010 - bees. Mrs Barker had confirmed Michael Ward was unable to attend due to an injury but he had agreed to give his talk at the 28th April meeting. Mrs Kerr suggested a project update be given at the January meeting to include information regarding the latest archaeological discoveries below the plughole, which was agreed.

It was noted the hall and caller had been booked for the Barn Dance on Friday 19th March. Mrs Kerr agreed to speak to the Hucknall butcher regarding cost and Mr Walker to produce a spreadsheet of probable expenses so a ticket cost could be agreed.

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

Mrs Hardstaff informed the meeting a Barn Dance would also be held on Friday, 2nd July at the farm in Linby in aid of the churches, following the loss of the hayride event.

Mrs Barker reported the footpath drainage works carried out in Papplewick Dam before Christmas had been successful. However, it was noted another section had since become very boggy and the area around the gate on the new footpath was under water.

The accident damage to the fencing on Papplewick Lane was discussed. It was understood the incident had taken place in the early hours of Monday morning the 18th January. Mrs Barker had spoken to the police and was informed PC Emma Woodhouse had dealt with the matter. It was agreed the matter should be pursued with a view to making a claim for replacement fencing against the driver's insurance.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 1st March - but to be confirmed.