

**David Gosling (DG) (Chair of meeting); Brian Abbs (BA; ) Edward de Feyter (EdeF)**

**Apologies- Peter Kaye**—Noted that he had just returned home following a spell in hospital

**In Attendance Mandy Rainbow (MR) and Jonathan Adams (JA) from the proposed “Elf School”**

1. **Welcome** MR & JA were welcomed and encouraged to take a full part in the proceedings. Mandy described the operations and ethos of the School and it was agreed that there was scope for joint development of the idea with BA as the Pigneys contact. In addition JA can offer assistance/ ideas/ contacts on tree maintenance/ Wood development matters **BA**
2. **Minutes of the Director/ Trustees meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014** These had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting and were approved as a correct record and signed by DG
3. **Matters Arising**
  - **Queries on Tree Survey**. Outstanding for DG to follow up with R Yaxley **DG**
  - **Wildlife Boards re Legacy Fund** Material purchased by BA and PK. Boards need preparing and erecting asap **PK & BA**
  - **Court Recoveries** No news and seems we are unlikely to hear direct
  - **Observation Point** Complete—thanks to BA. Still pressing for second hide materials to be provided free as promised by Reed Panel Co **BA/DG**
  - **Alder Felling** Payment awaited from buyer (Thain). DG has been chasing- £300 **DG**
  - **Possible buyers for Hazel** Alternative sale/ cutting possibilities discussed-eg cut and sell one block at a time or leave for a further 7 or 8 years. JA can advise **BA**
  - **Canal Trust** Now clear that both the Canal Trust and the Owner of the waterway (from Ebridge to Swafield) wish to work with landowners, especially Pigneys for whom BA and (or) DG will continue to represent/ seek best outcomes for. Pigneys **BA/DG**
  - **Sponsorship** PK will continue to seek on an annual basis—subject to his health status he will be seeking 2014 monies shortly from local businesses. **PK**
  - **Heather** BA will start immediately both seeking heather seeds from NWT and also heather plants/ seeds from other sources to avoid the necessity to abandon the project and to repay the grant. He will keep in contact with NWT from now £1559 is held over for the Grant on this Project and we need to spend it this year or be required to send it back **BA**
4. **Maintenance**
  - **Canal Bank Public Footpath** Noted that it was overdue for a cut/ maintenance which seems now to be the responsibility of the Canal Owner. DG will remind him at the next Canal meeting. BA is on the Consultation Group discussing future works/activity between Royston Bridge and Swafield. A considerable amount of earth is being deposited on the public footpaths either side of the Bacton Road by Contractors paid by the Owner. The Swafield to Royston Bridge section, which passes Pigneys is due for a lot of dredging/ clearing activity over the next few months.
  - **Chippings** BA will follow up the availability of free bark chippings via a Canal Co contact
  - **Wetland Ponds etc** BA has arranged a free survey of Ponds from NCC (Ed Docker) **BA**
  - **Dog Leq Field** EdeF noted the unguarded and thus dangerous nature of the water catching drum close to the Apple Orchard. BA agreed to make safe as soon as possible and reported that the surviving trees are to be moved to a new location in the Autumn **BA**
  - **Matthew Project** had contacted the Trust since they regarded Pigneys as a really valuable potential resource for the Project and to see it assisted. BA will keep liaison **BA**
5. **Finance**

**General**-- DG reported on the current financial position, which in the absence of grant monies is rather thin—**current balance only £769**--but is as it always should be both expected & a challenge. It is now even more essential for Pigneys to live within its means

**Waitrose** We could examine the feasibility of going onto their Token Scheme

**Sponsorship/ Donations** Noted that PK intends to request 2014 contributions from local businesses etc as soon as his health permits
6. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July -- Methodist Chapel Rooms, Knapton starting at 7pm

Signed as approved;