

North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust

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Minutes of Director Trustees on Thursday 29th March 2013 at the Methodist Chapel School
Room, Knapton

Present

David Gosling (DG): (Chair of Meeting): Peter Kaye (PK): B Abbs (BA)

Apologies: Edward de Feyter & Nick Sutherland

1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 31st January 2012

1.1 The **Minutes** had been circulated before the meeting and were approved by all and signed by DG

1.2 Any matters arising were to be dealt with when appropriate during the meeting

2 It Carried forward from previous meeting

2.1 Community Spaces Grant-Phase 4: DG reported that Rob Yaxley's draft Management Plan had been received and seen by BA & DG. It was then being passed to PK for comment. It was clearly a very useful document. A positive development was naming the unplanted areas by reference to the names on the 19th Century Enclosure Map; many of which had the word "Pigney" in their titles. Mark Webster's Paston Group has kept going through the winter and continues to make progress. DG had visited them at their February session to thank them. He will now speak to MW about his forward planning for the last six months of the Project

2.2 Big Society Fund BA will follow up the stones element of the original application; the heather seeding element has been re-scheduled with NWT for September. DG will follow up the reed panel observation point, which has been delayed by the winter weather.

2.3 Tree Survey Early Spring-- date to be agreed

BA/ All

2.4 Canal Company. DG reported that the upholding of the Stop Notice at December Public Enquiry means that little work will be done on the Canal above Royston Bridge and, therefore, The Canal Trustees/ Owner are seeking a set aside of the Enquiry verdict

2.5 Vandalism at Barn PK had been informed by the Police that one male was being taken to the Magistrates Court on 5th April, charged with Criminal Damage

3 Maintenance

3.1 Working Parties Work had been severely delayed by the winter weather and some tasks have had to be deferred to the Autumn, due to the nesting season. Minor tasks still to be carried out include (a) Removal of droppings on the Barn seating from a resident kestrel, (b) completion of Trackway edge clearances and (c) filling in of potholes in car park

3.2 Old Tool Shed Agreed to leave this where it is for non valuable storage

5 Finance

5.1 Bank Balance DG reported that this was **£8,390** including £5,000 for the Phase 4 CS Grant to be paid over in due course to the two Contractors. The "free" element of the Bank Balance was a little over £2,000

5.2 Sponsorship PK will pursue both renewals for 2013 and new supporters

5.3 Identification Guides --Agreed to buy a full laminated set for the Barn --PK to handle

6. PR/ Publicity

The following matters were raised/ reported:

6.1 Knapton News--PK was congratulated on his excellent article

6.2 National Lottery "Good Causes Awards" Noted that PK/ DG had submitted an entry --to be announced in late June

6.3 Website PK reported **20,000 hits over the 2 years since first publication.** He will in future also report on interest expressed through the email request section of the website

6.4 Waitrose Sponsorship PK will establish how to get Pigneys onto the monthly lists

7. Other Items

7.1 Sweet Chestnut Planting--Noted that the "in Memoriam" sapling acquired for Mr & Mrs Speechley has been acquired and planted in the meadow above the Barn. A donation of £25 has been received over and above cost. BA was thanked for arranging

7.2 Working Parties--Discussion took place on whether it might be best to change to a once a month basis with a longer more targeted sessions plus a definite mid session refreshment break..... **Carried Forward** to next meeting

7.3 Community Service Workforce. Agreed to find out more on this concept before the next meeting

7.4 Grazing of Horses on fenced off Wetland Area. BA believes this is the most viable solution to improve the grass in this Area—this needs investigating further by BA and brought back to the next meeting

7.5 Trackway from Barn to Old Wood Agreed to buy gravel to reinforce the section from the Barn to the end of the hedge to the right of the path as a first phase towards the continuation of this gravelled path to the Old Wood. This will assist vehicles needing to access the Old Wood and the Area around it for maintenance or emergency reasons

8. Next Meeting

29th March at Methodist School Room, Knapton—7pm

Signed as Approved.....

Date