

The Minutes of Lambley Reed Pond Group (LRPG) – Committee Meeting held on 27th April 2023 in Lambley Village Hall at 7pm

Attendance:

Sarah Rhodes, Steve Brett, Karen Hayter, Christine Bridgett, Gina Bajek, Ian Kassell and Peter Smith.

1.0 Apology for absence

Kim Hogden, Julie Gregory, Bonnie Bramwell, and Stephen Bird

2.0 Minutes from the last meeting dated 29th March 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record. Updates on specific actions from the last meeting were noted as a correct record.

3.0 Review of outstanding actions

3.0 (11/01/23) re-positioning of the lifebuoy station will take place w/c 1st May.

3.0 (11/01/23) the Treasurer visited the Burton Joyce Community Market and reflecting on experience from the Gedling Conservation Trust attendance at the Community Market, the LRPG would not host a stand at the BJCM. Action Closed

8.3 (11/01/23) Installation of the two new benches: Andy Musson has laid the base for the west bench and installed the south bench.

4.5 (22/02/23) Purchase of seed packets for schools, this would be revisited later in the Year. Action Closed

5.0 (11/01/23) Decay in the ash tree on the north boundary of the Nature Reserve. Sarah will follow up with Katja, Steve to contact the Land Registry to see whether ownership can be determined from their records.

3.0 (29/03/23) Tidy the meadow area, work completed. Action Closed

3.0 (29/03/23) Information / costings of possible pontoon, Peter Smith has been unable to obtain at present information due to holiday of person at Netherfield Lagoons. Action Peter Smith

3.0 (29/03/23) Review of walkway around the pond, see Item 9.0

6.0 (29/03/23) Fund raising proposals, see Item 4.0.

7.0 (29/03/23) Reed Pond water quality samples taken; report expected mid-May.

7.2 (29/03/23) Wildlife surveys will continue monthly from May onwards.

7.3 (29/03/23) Report on meadow seeding. Action Closed

4.0 Feedback for the Fund-Raising Meeting held on 12th April.

The meeting was very constructive, and many ideas were discussed. The timescale/publicity precluded implementing some, but they would be re-visited in the 2024 programme.

The Fund-Raising Group decided that the following are the most viable options i.e., a garage sale safari to be held in conjunction with the Church and later in the year a walking treasure hunt.

The garage sale safari would be a walking event as a previous event involving use of vehicles had caused parking problems for residents such was the interest from outside the immediate village.

The date suggested for the garage sale to allow maximum time for flyers to be circulated and publicity in the area would be a Saturday 8th July.

Christine agreed to outreach to her Church co-ordinator contact Frances and would invite her to the next fund-raising meeting scheduled for Thursday 18th May. The local village photographer and artist Dan Lord would be invited to prepare the artwork for the event. Sarah agreed to outreach to Dan. Gina would also contact Kim to co-ordinate publicity for the event.

Action: Christine/Sarah/Gina

The group agreed the amount for entry i.e., as a seller would be £5.

Subject to discussion at the next planning meeting on 18th May. The following would be approached to post details/sell tickets for the event i.e., the local public houses, the Lambley garage, local farm shops. In addition, details would be announced on flyers on the noticeboards in the village.

The organisation timetable for the treasure hunt and likely dates would be discussed at the next meeting.

5.0 Vacancy for a new Chairperson.

Due to unforeseen commitments, our current Chair, Peter Muir has reluctantly decided to step down from the role and from the Committee, albeit he will still be a member of the group. The Committee thanked Peter for his enormous contribution as the role of Chair.

Sarah Rhodes our Vice-Chair agreed to step into the role of Chair for an interim period until the August Annual General Meeting and was unanimously elected by the Committee. Karen Hayter volunteered for the role of Vice Chair, proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by Christine Bridgett.

The opportunity was taken to update the LRPG Constitution signature sheet given the above. The Treasurer will arrange for the necessary changes to the Lambley Reed Pond Group (LRPG) bank account mandate.

Action: The Treasurer

6.0 Treasurers Report

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the current balance of the LRPG bank account was £2047.08p, following completion of the fence repairs and payment of the invoice. We have two liabilities: the reed pond ecological assessment and Andy Musson's services for the meadow work in 2022. The invoices for both have been received and subject to payment of which will leave a balance of £1213.08 in the LRPG account.

7.0 Tasks required on the Reserve in May and June.

The meadow sub-group will trim edges of the new seed beds and cut the nettles/thistles in the north meadow not included in the safe havens.

Mark Shaw would be approached to create a pathway through the reserve with his sit on mower.

Action: Karen

One task needed was the control before seeding of Himalayan balsam in the north woodland and near the hedgerow of the north meadow.

The south meadow vegetation presented no problems currently and several species of wildflowers had been identified, namely germander speedwell, corncockle, and some yellow rattle.

There would be a mosaic type of management implemented where areas would be identified for maximum biodiversity.

Karen agreed to coordinate the above, Steve will provide a risk assessment to Karen for the work.

Action: Karen/Steve

8.0 Damage to the Reserve from National Grid Works

Sarah agreed to contact Julie Gregory and National Grid for the remediation of the damage to the meadow as the result of the transformer replacement by National Grid.

Action: Sarah

9.0 Walkway around the pond or a new pontoon

The Group considered the proposal for a full walkway round the pond but suggested it was impractical to achieve, alternatives tabled included a pond dipping pontoon, a short section of boardwalk, replacement Nature Reserve signs at the north and south kissing gates. Steve agreed to draft a 'proposals/option' brief for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Steve

Peter Smith re-affirmed that he would get information from works conducted at Netherfield Lagoons.

Action: Peter

10.0 Information Flyer Display Cabinet.

The Secretary had seen a Perspex leaflet display holder at a neighbouring reserve which could be implemented at Reed Pond at one of the entrances. There was considerable interest in the Reserve from walkers who were not living in Lambley.

The flyers would include photos of group activities and contact details. This would be a way of publicising our work to a wider audience.

The Secretary agreed to investigate cost of such as display holder.

Action: Secretary

10a Display Board near south kissing gate.

There was a suggestion that we remove the Perspex from the information board and try and clean it up rather, before exploring costs of purchasing a new board.

Action: Steve

11 Guided walks and events around the Reserve in May to July.

Bonnie Bramwell had expressed an interest in hosting a moth watch and Peter Smith would contact the Netherfield wildlife moth expert to attend when a date is known. The Secretary would also organise a bat watch.

Action: Bonnie, Ian, and Peter

12 Any other business

12.1 Advert for new Committee members

The Secretary agreed to arrange for an advert in the forthcoming issue of the Parish Magazine for new Committee members.

Action Secretary

12.2 Cutting Park Lane overhanging vegetation/branches.

The Chair informed the meeting that the previously damaged barrier along Park Lane is to be repaired by Nottingham County Council Highways Department and at the same time will cut the overhanging branches from the Nature Reserve south hedge line.

12.3 Reed Pond water quality/pond dip for species

The Chair confirmed that Enitial has conducted the water sampling, the report should be available within a few weeks.

Peter asked for a copy of the original ecological assessment report.

Action: Chair

12.4 Creation of Safe-haven Areas around the Reserve.

There would be several areas set aside as being safe havens in the Reserve these would be marked and allowed to grow naturally and would remain un-cut at the end of the Year.

Action: Karen to coordinate with Bonnie/Peter

12.5 Guided Walks around Netherfield Lagoons

Peter Smith has many advertised walks around the lagoons. The Group wished to visit the lagoons; the first scheduled walk is:

Warbler Walk Sunday 7th May 9-12 noon.

The full programme of walks can be found on the Gedling Conservation Trust website:

[Gedling Conservation Trust, Nottingham](#)

13.0 Date of next Meetings

13.1 A Fund-Raising Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall (note earlier start).

13.2 The next full Reed Pond Meeting will be held on Thursday 1st June at 7pm in the village hall (all welcome to attend)

13.3 Date of forthcoming Reed Pond Meeting

Thursday 29th June at 7pm in the village hall (all are welcome to attend).

Summary of Actions

Date	Item Number	Action	Action owner	Target date	comments
11/01/2023	3.0	Reposition life buoy station	Sec and Treasurer	w/c May 1st	Open
11/01/2023	3.0	BJCM – fund raising opportunity	Treasurer		Closed
11/01/2023	8.3	Installation of benches	Chair	April	Closed
11/01/2023	8.6	Fencing contractors – RP meadow access	Treasurer	April	Closed
22/02/2023	4.5	Purchase packs of seeds for school children	Karen/Kim	Next mtg	Closed
22/02/2023	6.1	Guided walk around the Nature Reserve	Ian	TBC	Closed
29/03/2023	3.0	Tidy meadow areas	Karen	2 nd April	Closed
29/03/2023	3.0	Information re pontoon construction	Pete Smith	Next mtg	Open
29/03/2023	3.0	Proposals/option brief for walkway etc.	Treasurer	Next mtg	Open
29/03/2023	5.0	Ash tree – update	Sarah and Treasurer	Next mtg	Open
29/03/2023	6.0	Fund raising proposals etc.	All	Next mtg	Closed
29/03/2023	7.0	Enitial water quality check etc.	Sarah	Next mtg	Open
29/03/2023	7.2	Wildlife surveys	Pete Smith	On going	Open
29/03/2023	7.3	Meadow seed growth	Peter, Karen, and Bonnie	Next mtg	Closed
27/04/2023	4.0	Fund raising proposals	Christine, Sarah, and Gina	18 th May	Open
27/04/2023	5.0	Update LRPG bank account mandate	Treasurer	Next mtg	Open

27/04/2023	7.0	Meadow subgroup tasks – May	Karen	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	8.0	Remediation of meadow	Sarah	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	9.0	Draft note re options for the reed pond e.g., pontoon	Treasurer	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	10.0	Flyer display cabinet – indicative cost	Secretary	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	10a	Clean south information board Perspex	Treasurer	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	11	Guided walks	Bonnie, Ian, and Peter	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	12.1	LRPG advert	Secretary	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	12.3	Reed pond water quality/pond dip for species – issue report	Chair	Next mtg	Open
27/04/2023	12.4	Creation of safe havens in the Reserve	Karen, Bonnie, and Peter	Next mtg	Open