

The Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall.

Present

Karen Hayter, Steve Brett, Stephen Bird, Christine Bridgett, Gina Bajek, Peter Smith and Ian Kassell

Apologies for absence: Kim Hogden and Sarah Rhodes

1.0 Minutes from the last committee meeting dated 30th August 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record.

Minutes from the 2023 AGM on 28th Sept will be discussed at the next AGM in Sept 2024.

The Any Other Business from the Meeting that were raised after the AGM closed formally will be included in action items in this Meeting.

2.0 Review of outstanding actions

7.2 (29/03/2023) Wildlife Surveys – no wildlife surveys will take place until late Spring 2024.

10.0 (27/04/2023) Leaflet Display Cabinet – item to be closed and re-opened in 2024.

12.4 (30/08/2023) Safe haven creation – the large area of nettles on the western boundary were selected for safe havens and the area beneath the 2 elder bushes in the South meadow. Unfortunately, the sheep ate the foliage beneath the elder bushes but large areas of the nettles remained when the sheep were removed. Item Closed.

6.0 and 8.0 (29/06/2023) Donation from Gedling Councillor's Helen Greensmith's Community Fund had been received for £250 which is for essential maintenance. This item is now Closed

9.2 and 8.1 (29/06/2023) Wooden Sign refurbishment

Further inspection of signs will take place when the weather improves – on-going

7.0 Update of Bank Mandate

The signature of Peter Muir had been removed and would be replaced the signature of our Chairperson Karen Hayter.

7.0 Preparation of AGM Accounts – closed

3.4 Fund Raising Activities – Open see meeting on 14th November

4.1 Clearance of the outflow ducts – closed.

4.2 Re-instatement of the small access gate bordering Reed Pond House - on-going.

4.3 Security fencing – closed.

5.0 Installation of Reed Pond Information Board – closed.

6.0 Preparation for the AGM – closed

8.2 Reed Pond Ramblings – on-going.

8.3 Village Show hamper – closed

8.6 Lambley Reed Pond Action Plan – open

7.3 County Councillors yearly donation to the Group.

7.4 Rake Off arrangements - open

3.0 Nature Reserve Action Plan

The yearly action plan will be updated and will continue as monthly objectives.

Action: The Chair

Monthly action plan would be published in the monthly Lambley Life magazine in our Reed Pond Ramblings article.

Action: The Secretary to liaise with the Chair.

Short term and yearly objectives would be included in a 5-year programme. This will be dependent on finances being available.

The Committee requested that a draft action plan would be drafted before our next meeting. This will show the Lambley residents our vision for the planned work programme.

4.0 Funding Options and feedback from the Secretary and Stephen Bird's attendance at Gedling Funding Fair on the 30th of October.

The Secretary had already circulated to the Committee a summary of their visit to the Funding Fair and had already received feedback from STWA. This had been emailed to Dawn Edwards and Julie Gregory.

The emphasis at the meeting was that grants were available for community-based projects, with this in mind it was suggested that our mission statement should be changed to emphasise this point.

The main participants were Coalfield Communities, Easyfundraising, Gedling Borough Lotto, National Lottery and Notts County Council and Severn Trent Water Authority.

Stephen Bird agreed to undertake this for the Group.

A draft would be made available for the next meeting.

All Committee members are urged to attend on the 14th November and we will request Dawn Edwards to attend as Parish Chair.

Gina Bajek to contact Dawn Edwards.

At the fund raising Meeting we will consider how we approach these organisations and to show we have clearly defined objectives that involve the whole community of not just Lambley residents but for associated areas like Gedling.

Action: The Committee

5.0 Meadow Sub-Group

The Chair gave a brief description of the events in September when sheep arrived to graze the meadow. Thankfully the fence line was robust and there were no escapees this year.

Due to extremely adverse wet weather in both October and November it was suggested that this year we would not have the mow/cut of the year however this will be replaced with the strimmer's removing selective thistle and nettle growth.

Peter Smith suggested we leave an area of nettles on the north meadow and along the western boundary to act as a haven.

There is a need to reduce the bramble tendril growth in the reserve to prevent excessive invasion.

There could an event for community involvement when we finally schedule the work weather permitting.

The Social media person Kim would be given notice enable to advertise the work.

6.0 Treasurers Report

The balance on 30th September was £1440.89p. This balance has been revised to include the Gedling Borough Council Grant less costs associated with the new information board is now £1627.24p.

7.0 Pond Sub-Group / Drainage Issues on the eastern side of the pond.

Stephen Bird had done work regarding drainage issues in liaison with our Treasurer between the east side of the pond and boundary of Reed Pond House land. The Committee thanked Stephen for his work with trying to find civil engineering contractors who could advise. During the recent flooding within the village and surrounding land, Bonnie Bramwell has advised the committee that the ditch, ducts and sump were not blocked with water freely flowing in to the beck, thereby advising that currently there is no requirement to check these ducts further. However, the drainage ditch / outflow needs at least twice-yearly clearance.

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 Parish Councils vision for a partial pond walkway and north woodland.

This walkway 'vision' would be included in the revised Action Plan and Stephen Bird had booked an arborist and local wildlife expert Neil Pinder to advise.

An idea would be a partial walkway on the eastern side of the pond which would meet up with the southern pathway and be fenced off behind the pond and then link by a gate to the north meadow part on

the edge of the woodland. This would safeguard wildlife sensitive areas of the reserve from disturbance.

8.2 Clarification of the Eastern Boundary of the Reserve

The Parish Council has been requested to clarify alignment of the boundary on the eastern side of the reserve with our neighbours Reed Pond(RP) House.

Action: Gina Bajek to follow up with Dawn Edwards

8.3 Access Gate to Reed Pond House land

As required by the deeds, pedestrian access from RP house was provided by NWT during their tenure of the Nature Reserve. The Frank Knowles report in 2021 noted that '.....the deeds do not appear to place any responsibility on the Parish Council to maintain this gate.....'. However, this need to be clarified. Action remains open

A figure of £250-£300 had been estimated for re-instatement of the gate.

8.4 Thinning of self-sown alder saplings in the north woodland.

Frank Knowles Report had noted that some thinning of the self-sown alder saplings was recommended in the northern woodland to increase light levels at the pond and allow growth of spring woodland flowers. This will be discussed when Stephen does the walkabout with Neil Pinder.

If the work is needed it will require another tree application to Gedling Borough Council.

Several members of the Committee requested a copy of the 2021 Frank Knowles Report.

Action: Secretary

8.5 Pond Depth

The Treasurer to investigate options to undertake this work.

Action: The Treasurer

8.6 Janet Bridgford –Resignation from the Committee It was with much regret we have learned of the resignation of Janet Bridgford.

In the short time Janet has been a Committee member Janet has made many valuable contributions to the work of the Committee.

We look forward to seeing her and her husband at future community events.

8.7 Constitution Updates

Suggested amendments to the Constitution would be signed off at the next meeting by the Committee.

8.8 The community volunteer event.

A suggested date involving the whole community weather permitting would be the weekend of 9th / 10th December at either 10-1pm or 12-3pm.

This would be fully publicised on social media.

Action: Kim Hogden and The Secretary.

8.9 Date of next meeting/s

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm in the Lambley Village Hall.

A Fund-Raising Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November at the Robin Hood Public House at 7pm.

Future Meeting

The first meeting in January will be Thursday 11th January 2024 at the Village Hall Meeting Room.

Summary of Actions

| Date | Item Number | Action | Action owner | Target date | Comments |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 29/03/2023 | 7.2 | Wildlife surveys | Pete Smith | On going | Open |
| 27/04/2023 | 10.0 | Flyer display cabinet – indicative cost | Secretary | Next mtg | Closed |
| 27/04/2023 | 12.4 | Creation of safe haven in the Reserve | All | Autumn | Closed |
| 29/06/2023 | 6.0 | GBC donation | Steve | Next Mtg | Closed |
| 29/06/2023 and 02/08/2023 | 9.2 And 8.1 | Reserve Wood Signs refurb see Minute | Stephen | Next Mtg | Open |
| 01/06/2023 | 7.0 | Update bank mandate | Steve | After AGM | Closed |
| 01/06/2023 | 7.0 | Preparation of LRPG accounts for audit | Steve | By 31 st August | Closed |
| 01/11/23 | 8.4 | Thinning alders in north woodland | Stephen | 12 th Nov | Open |
| 02/08/2023 | 3.4 | 2024 fund raising activities | All | 14 th Nov. mtg | Open |
| 02/08/2023 | 4.1 | Further clearing of the pond overflow ditch | Steve/Stephen | On-going | Closed |
| 02/08/2023 | 4.2 | Investigate re-instatement of pedestrian access gate | Steve | 31/12/2023 | Open |
| 01/11/23 | 8.1 | Pond walkway | comm | Next Mtg | Open |
| 02/08/2023 | 5.0 | RP information board update | Steve | By 11 th Sep | Closed |
| 01/11/23 | 8.2 | Eastern boundary clarification | PC | Next Mtg | Open |
| 02/08/2023 | 8.2 | Reed Pond Ramblings | Karen / Ian | Next mtg | Open |
| 01/11/2023 | 3.0 | LRPG Action Plan - Update | All | Next Mtg | Open |
| 30/08/2023 | 7.3 | County Council Grant | Steve | Oct Mtg | Open |

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| 01/11/2023 | 7.4 | Volunteer event | Karen / Kim | Oct Mtg | Open |
| 30/08/2023 | 9.0 | Fund Raising Mtg at the Robin 14/11 | Ian | Next mtg. | Open |