

The Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall.

Present

Karen Hayter, (Group Chair) Stephen Bird (Group Vice Chair) Ian Kassell(Secretary) Steve Brett (Treasurer) Christine Bridgett,

Apologies Gina Bajek, Peter Smith, Dawn Edwards.

Meeting Chair Stephen Bird

1.0 Minutes from the last committee meeting dated 1st November 2023 were accepted as a correct record.

2.0 Review of outstanding actions (see attached sheet) appendix.

3.0 Nature Reserve Action Plan

The annual Action Plan was reviewed. Karen will carry out some minor updates with the intention of signing it off at the next meeting.

Action: Karen

The group re-affirmed that monthly extracts of our Action Plan will be included in the Reed Pond Ramblings section of the Lambley Life magazine.

Action: Secretary

Steve tabled a draft of activities for the Nature Reserve which could form the basis of our medium/long term strategy. The proposed strategy would be subject to a step change to increase our fund-raising activities. Steve agreed to refine the draft for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Steve

3.1 Woodland/hedgerow management of alders

Stephen confirmed a meeting has been arranged by Gina with a Woodland/Tree specialist from Nottingham County Council to discuss management of the hedgerows at the Nature Reserve.

Action: Stephen/Gina

4.0 Funding Options

In future Funding will be a standard agenda item

Various fundraising options were discussed e.g. community project grants potentially available from Nottinghamshire County Council. Local and National commercial organisations with CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds may be approached (eg Veolia/STWA /Coop/Enva)

Action: Ian re standing agenda item.

5.0 Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that there were no transactions since the last meeting and the balance of the LRPG account as of 6th December 2023 was £1627.24p.

6.0 Any other business

6.1 Revised Constitution – Mission Statement

The Mission Statement wording would change to reflect community health and wellbeing within it.

Action: The Chair

6.2 Visits from the local child nursery to the Reserve

Documentation provided by the PC included an e mail from the Lambley Childrens Nursery regarding the possibility of the children visiting the Nature Reserve. It was considered that this could be arranged, however, this is not a practical proposition in the short term.

6.3 Riparian Rights

Following previous discussions concerning the overflow from the reed pond the Treasurer informed the meeting of the possibility that the PC may have responsibilities for maintaining the overflow (see attached NCC document). This needs to be clarified between the PC and the owners of RPH

6.4 The Volunteer Work Programme in 2024

The next volunteer work programme would involve pruning brambles near paths / cutting nettle stalks and raking up in the north meadow and a general tidy up of the Reserve.

The work is scheduled for early in 2024, weather permitting and would be advertised on our Facebook page and the parish magazine.

Karen will co-ordinate this next stage of work at the Reserve, liaising with Kim for any social media postings. Karen agreed to produce map(s) to be used on the day to help direct the work.

Action: Karen

Some discussion was had in respect of reed cutting/trimming at the edge of the reed pond, this will be investigated further, the coordination etc.

Action: Stephen/Karen

6.5 Local fund-raising opportunities in 2024.

Wine (and cheese) tasting event.

Christine kindly agreed to follow up on this re the potential of an event and will update at the next meeting.

Action: Christine

6.6 Attendance at the next Parish Council Meeting in December.

Stephen agreed to represent the LRPG at the next Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 18th December.

Action: Stephen

7.0 Date of next meetings

The date of the next Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting will be Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7pm at Lambley Village Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

Action: Ian

Summary of Actions

Date	Item Number	Action	Action owner	Target date	Comments
29/03/2023	7.2	Wildlife surveys	Pete Smith	On going	Apr / May 24
06/12/2023	3.1	Woodland/hedgerow management	Chair	Next mtg	Open
06/12/2023	6.1	Mission Statement	Chair	Next Mtg	Open
06/12/2023	6.4	Volunteering event, map etc.	Karen	Next Mtg	Open
29/06/2023 and 02/08/2023	9.2 and 8.1	Reserve Wood Signs refurb see Minute	Stephen	Next Mtg	Open
06/12/2023	3.0	Annual Action Plan - finalise	Karen	Next Mtg	Open
06/12/2023	3.0	Strategy - finalise	Steve	Next mtg	Open

01/11/23	8.4	Thinning alders in north woodland	Chair	On-going	Open
02/08/2023	3.4	2024 fund raising activities	All		On-going
02/08/2023	4.1	Further clearing of the pond overflow ditch	Chair / Treas	On-going	Open
02/08/2023	4.2	Re-instatement of pedestrian access gate East	Steve	2024	Open
01/11/23	8.1	Pond walkway	All	Next Mtg	Open
01/11/23	8.2	Eastern boundary clarification	PC / Dawn	Next Mtg	Open
02/08/2023	8.2	Reed Pond Ramblings	Karen / Ian	Next mtg	Open
01/11/2023	3.0	Action Plan - Update	All	Next Mtg	Open
30/08/2023	7.3	County Council Grant	Dawn	Next mtg	Open
01/11/2023	7.4	Volunteer event tidy up	Karen	Feb 24	Open