

The Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting On Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall.

Present

Committee:; Stephen Bird (SGB), Sarah Rhodes (SR), Christine Bridgett (CB), (SR) Sarah Rhodes, Gina Bajek (GB) and Ian Kassell (IK).

Apologies: Karen Hayter, Kim Hogden, Sofia Fullwood and Len Harvey : Nature Advisor.

1.0	Description	Action / Date
2.0	The Minutes of the last meeting dated 12 th May 2026 were agreed as a correct record.	
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	(3.1b) some himalayan balsam was found on site and then promptly dispatched.	
3.2	(3.2c) SGB/IK had identified and marked with white spray can paint the insecure fencing around the pond and the site perimeter. Dependent on finance replacement of the fencing will be included in the action plan.	All to Note
3.3	(3.2e) SGB gave his apologies on behalf the Group at the last Parish Council Meeting and there were no items raised. The East boundary issue still remains unresolved.	
3.4	(8.0) Wilder Trent Planting KAH due to her absence from the meeting had informed the Committee previously that Naturescape had been contacted by her and the remaining meadow / marginal pond plants had been collected by her but due to the extreme drought it was inadvisable to hold off planting until the drought ended – Karen would look after the plants during this period.	All to Note

<p>4.0</p>	<p>SGB thanked Karen for all her work on wilder trent project.</p> <p>Action Plan</p> <p>IK distributed the latest Action Plan for 2026 and a copy of the long term action plan to the meeting</p> <p>August 2026</p> <p>Tony and Val are invited to Survey the Reserve and identify any areas of urgent concern before the sheep arrive towards the end of the Month.</p> <p>The orchard and the new wildflower area near the west bench will be protected by electric fencing.</p> <p>Safe Haven</p> <p>IK will reinstate any loose fencing stakes around the elder tree in the southern meadow. (tidy up needed)</p> <p>Orchard Trees</p> <p>These will be strimmed by KAH and IK prior to the sheep arriving on site, SGB noted that the cages are designed to lift so we can strim near the base without damaging the tree.</p> <p>South Bench / Memorial Tree Sculpture</p> <p>Strim excess vegetation around the bench and around the base of the memorial tree.</p> <p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>The Treasurer noted that the current balance was £3694.53p ~this includes a small donation from one of the Woodlark activities.</p> <p>SGB asked if we had made any progress on closing the” Just Giving” page. CB had been in contact with KH the Administrator. CB also does not have access to the google link code.</p> <p>SGB suggested we close the page and then create a new just giving page with a QR code.</p>	<p>KAH</p> <p>IK</p> <p>IK/KAH</p> <p>KH</p>
<p>5.0</p>		

6.0	Record of Hours worked SR requested Committee members to submit their hours worked. IK would forward his hours worked with KAH shortly.	IK
7.0	Google Drive Nothing to Report.	
8.0	Information Boards The Reed Pond Information Boards had been delivered to Andy Musson and they awaited installation. The supplier has informed there are still outstanding issues with the Parish Council Boards artwork quality. SGB to contact Kevin Stevenson to discuss. An unveiling ceremony day for our Boards will be arranged where Councillors / MP and Parish Council members and the Childrens Nursery / Woodlark will be invited to attend. Andy Musson would install the information boards.	SGB
9.0	Wilder Trent Project (see earlier matters arising) meadow and pond planting.	
10.0	Pond SR noted that the low level of water in the pond in normal summers was concerning. The national drought and abnormally high temperatures this year was making the problem worse with no rainfall for over 50 days now.	
11.0	Hedging and boundaries and meadow Nothing to Report	

12.0	Future Events It was agreed as only IK/CB were available that we would not be having a stall at the Village Fayre in September 2026.	All to Note
13.0	Any Other Business	
13.1	Location of the Memorial Tree SGB would ask the Parish Council if they would consider moving the memorial tree sculpture to a less remote location for access of wheelchairs etc.	IK
13.2	High Fire Risk Signage IK would source the fire signs and install at each entrance to the Reserve. Including one at the orchard and south meadow near the bench.	
14.0	The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 th August 2026 in the Village Hall Meeting Room.	