## Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting

**On Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall**.

**Present**

Committee:, Stephen Bird (SGB) Chair, Bonnie Bramwell (BB) Vice Chair, Christine Bridgett (CB, Ian Kassell (IK), Gina Bajek (GB), Sarah Rhodes (SR), Karen Hayter (KAH) and Len Harvey (LH) Wildlife Advisor

Apologies Steve Brett (SB) and Kim Hogden (KH).

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| **Item Number** | **Description** | **Action /**  **Date** |
| **1.0** | **The Minutes of the last meeting dated 11th February 2025 were accepted as a correct record.** |  |
| **2.0**  **2.1**  **2.2**  **2.3**  **3.0**  **4.0**  **4.1**  **4.2**  **5.0**  **5.1**  **5.2**  **5.3**  **6.0**  6.1  6.2  **7.0**  **8.0**  **8.1**  **8.2**  **8.3**  **9.0**  **9.1**  **9.2**  **9.3**  **9.4**  **9.5**  **9.6**  **9.7**  **9.8**  **9.9**  **9.10**  **9.11**  **9.12**  **9.13**  **10.0** | **Matters Arising**  **(2.1) Questionnaire**  **The summary of the questionnaire responses in an easily readable format would be posted on our Parish Council / LRPG portal.**  **Management Strategy / Action Plans**  **SB agreed to re-appraise the Management Plan – Appendix 1 and then post the revised document to all the committee.**  **If accepted IK would post on the PC / LRPG portal**  **Completion of the Reed Cutting for Spring 2025**  **The remaining reed-cutting work had been completed by the committee. The reed growth throughout the Summer would continue to be monitored.**  **Treasurers Report**  **SB reported that the current balance of the LRPG bank account was £1420.55p. The outstanding Liability was the throw line purchased by SR.**  **Details of a small regular donation from Jillian Atkins were very welcome and the Chair thanked her for this contribution.**  **Meadow**  **There had been appreciative comments from a Parish Councillor regarding the improved viewing vistas created from the meadows to Reed Pond.**  **Light strim in Spring of all wildflower and cowslip areas by KAH.**  **(KAH) was concerned that the early flowers on the seed bed were starting to germinate in the next few weeks and agreed to improve the beds Karen by completing a light strim of all the seed beds and orchard / cowslip area.**  **Future grazing Management**  **(BB) had outreached as requested to Tony and Val the sheep farmers to the possibility of introducing sheep on the reserve before Spring. (February was suggested as the preferred month) before wildflowers germinated). There would also be a requirement to fence off all the meadows, orchard and cowslip areas if this occurred. The orchard area would always need this protection when sheep were grazing. Electric fencing was suggested by T & V.**  **Pond – Report**  **The committee would continually manage reed growth but were acutely aware that toads will start to emerge at the end of March leaving the pond in August. There will also be nesting birds which should not be disturbed in the bird nesting season in the reeds.**  **Collection of frogspawn from Trent Canal**  **(LH) had identified an area at the trent where frogs had spawned in inappropriate places which would dry up, therefore he asked if committee members were interested in hatching the tadpoles and then return to Reed Pond as there was an absence of frogs this year in Reed Pond like many areas due to the recent dry and very cold period.**  **Several people volunteered to create nursery beds and (LH) would deliver the spawn to (SGB) / (GB).**  **Reed Pond Toad Patrol registered with “Froglife”**  **(IK) registered the Reed Pond Toad Patrol on Park Lane with “Froglife” this also could enable our group to obtain another source of wetland funding. (IK) agreed to be the Coordinator for the Patrol which would start at the end of March / early April.**  **Historic source of Reed Pond water**  **(BB) had sourced a book from 1609 which clearly shows Reed Pond was fed at that time by the nearby Cocker Beck which runs along Park Lane**  **Hedges and boundaries**  **Re-alignment of the Northern wooden entrance gate**  **SB had agreed to outreach to Steve Rose shortly to obtain a specialist quote for the re-alignment of the North entrance gate**    **Re-purpose the old 5 bar access gate**  **This would be moved to the western side near the west bench and would become a habitat feature with climbers and brambles. Pallets for the reed work would also be re-purposed**.    **Woodland Management**  **Crown lifting will be completed asap**  **Following a site inspection by arborist Russell Critchley (in a consultative capacity) a management plan is being prepared and will be used as a basis of a grant application to the NWT’s Wilder Trent Grant Scheme for species habitat improvement**  **Feedback from the Information Group**  **(BB) leaflets – the design of the Group leaflet is still being developed and changes requested by SB have been implemented by (BB) one change of wording was preserving nature for the benefit of the whole Lambley community.**  **(BB) noted Village resident Rob Spencer was able to sponsor an Information Board.**  **Potential funding from Councillor Elliott’s budget**  **There would also be potential funding of £500 from County Councillor’s budget for financial Year 25/26.**  **Bug Houses / potential sponsorship of orchard trees**  **There could be opportunities to sponsor an orchard tree for a donor.**  **Feedback from the questionnaire**  **The feedback from the complete questionnaires had been implemented by the Group on initiatives taking place on the Reserve notably informative notice boards, orchard trees and creation of a habitat that promoted wildlife in the Reserve.**  **Portable Event Board**  **(BB) had donated a potable Event Board which was demonstrated to the Committee. The Chair thanked (BB) for the kind donation which would prove extremely useful for publicizing the Reserve at village shows / Schools etc.**  **Any Other Business**  **Walkabout at Reed Pond with MP Rt Hon Michael Payne**  **On Friday 28th March our MP for Gedling would be conducting a walkabout of the village at 1.30pm which would include Reed Pond and its place in the village and potential for development for new visitors. The Chair asked for representation of Committee with the Parish Council.**  **Meeting of the Parish Council on 17th March 22, 2025.**  **SGB noted that he would attend the Parish Council Meeting on behalf of the Group for a quarterly update.**  **The Earth Day Tues 22nd April - response from Group to attend at Lambley School**  **The information Group would initiate a small sub-group shortly for suggested approach on the day following last Year’s successful request from Teacher Katie Hibberts. (SR) would take the lead as the contact at the School. These could involve practical tasks for the children to complete which are nature related.**  **Sourcing free bird and bat boxes**  **(LH) noted that he could source bird and bat boxes at no cost made by the probationary service.**  **The Village Quiz**  **Once again (GB) had agreed to organize another Reed Pond Quiz on Friday June 20th following the success of last Year’s quiz. Julie Gregory had agreed to be the question master for the Quiz – we have agreed a small donation to Julie’s chosen charity. The Chair thanked (GB) Judith Clough and Julie Gregory for organizing it once again.**  **(KH) would advertise on our social media portal.**  **The Reed Pond portable Events Display Board would be visible at the foyer to attendees.**  **Possible Nature Trail Event on the Reserve**  **The Committee noted that (KH) would need to organize this Event.**    **Little Lambs Nursery Organizers**  **(BB) had outreached to The Teachers at Little Lambs Nursery were keen to be involved with the Group.**  **Back Issues of the Lambley Life**  **Andy Musson had found issues of Lambley Life in the 1930s which may include details regarding the Reed Pond.**  **The Conservation Volunteers – Membership**  **(Ik) would renew the membership of the Group to the (TCV) for 2025 this would open minor funding opportunities for startup organizations like ours.**  **The Chestnut Fund would source funds for small tools.**  **Bat Watch – potential event**  **(LH) was currently sourcing a professional bat person to initiate a bat-watching evening at Reed Pond in the Summer.**  **Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers on the Reserve**  **A possible opportunity could be spreading the shredded wood chippings on the main footpath in the Reserve**  **SGB/BB met with Jacksons to discuss progress with the promised topography survey. The Surveyor must allow space in his workload schedule and unfortunately still has not been able to complete it.**  **When received it will assist in the design of wetland “scrape” amphibian habitat on the eastern side.**  **A separate grant application to the “Wilder Trent Scheme” for this work may be possible if the information is received.**  **The spearmint will be re-located at the earliest opportunity. IK will identifying a suitable location.**  **Benches for the Outdoor Classroom activities**  **3 additional childrens benches will be installed when ground conditions permit.**  **Andy Musson has generously agreed to donate the timber for the seats and will supply and install support posts -The seat timbers will require preparation.**    **The date of the next Meeting**  **The Next Meeting of the Reed Pond Group would be held on Tuesday 8th April in the Village Hall Committee Room**. | **CB**  **SB / IK**  **SR**  **KAH**  **All to Note**  **SGB/GB**  **IK SGB/SB**  **SB**  **SGB/ SB**  **SGB/SB**  **SR**  **KH**  **IK**  **LH**  **BB**  **SGB**  **IK**  **SGB** |