## Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting

**On Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall**.

**Present**

Committee:, Bonnie Bramwell (BB) Acting Chair, Steve Brett (SB), Christine Bridgett (CB), Ian Kassell (IK), Sarah Rhodes (SR), Karen Hayter (KAH).

Apologies: Stephen Bird, Judith Clough, Gina Bajek, Len Harvey and Kim Hogden.

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| **Item Number** | **Description** | **Action /**  **Date** |
|  | The Minutes of the last meeting dated 8th July 2025 were accepted as a correct record subject to the following comments. |  |
| **1.0**  **1.1**  **2.0**    **3.0**  **4.0**  **5.0**  **6.0**  **7.0**  **8.0**  **9.0**  **9.1**  **10.0**  **10.1**  **10.2**  **10.3**  **10.4**  **10.5**  **10.6**  **10.7**  **10.8**  **10.9**  **11.0** | (1.1) Benches yearly maintenance  SB agreed to include maintenance of benches in the revised yearly Action Plan.  **Matters Arising**  Monthly Action Plan – July/August  Vegetation growth around the benches would be strimmed.  KAH to monitor wildflower diversity in the south meadows – arisings from the work would need raking off the meadows. Potential to have volunteering opportunities.  BB would contact the sheep farmers to request arrival next weekend.  The Orchard area had been strimmed by KAH and arisings removed in readiness for electric fence to be introduced when sheep were grazing the reserve in mid August.  **Treasurers Report**  The current balance was 6172.82p this includes the payment from sponsors of the last information board.  Liabilities  First Aid box upgrade, work by Andy Musson on the eastern boundary and any expenditure incurred for the Village Fayre.  Stakes and tree ties for orchard trees and SR had presented the throw line receipt.  **Wilder Trent Project**  BB had agreed to be the Group’s liaison contact and Miriam of NWT would be the Project lead. Greenfield had been chosen as our approved contractor for the tree work which would commence on 15th to 22nd October 2025.  A Forestry Licence had been lodged with the Forestry Commission who would visit the site. The Project would be funded by STWA who would provide their own ecologist who would monitor it for 10 years.  Miriam would visit Reed Pond in September and BB/KAH and LH would attend.  Shrubs and marginal plants would be provided by Naturescape a local Notts supplier who would store plants until they are ready to plant in the Spring 2026.  The Parish Council are fully supportive of the work to encourage biodiversity.  There may also be an opportunity to plant a wildlife friendly hedge on our eastern boundary to provide a nature corridor.  **Information Boards**  BB had now completed all 4 information boards and these would be created with eco-friendly material.  **Pond**  SR noted that the water quality was rated as fair to poor, because of this selective dredging of the pond may be considered.  **Hedges and boundaries**  Progress of hedge growth can be monitored after sheep leave to ascertain if newly planted saplings on the western boundary need replacement after the drought.  **Future Events**  A leaflet/flyer will be produced and had been designed by BB to hand out at the village show.  **Village Fayre – preparation Sat 6th September**  A stall had been booked for the Group and all Committee members urged to attend to help.  CB had organized various activities – bran tubs / KH face painting and wildlife friendly scarecrows would be situated around Reed Pond on the day.  **Preparation for the AGM on Tuesday 23rd September 2025**  SB noted that any resolutions or changes to our constitution must be made 21 days prior to the Meeting.  These need to be in writing to the Secretary.  IK would contact John Garton (Hall Management) re-committee room availability.  Election of Officers  Steve Brett informed the Meeting that he would be unable to continue in the role of Treasurer and would stand down at the meeting. He also could not commit himself to carrying on as a committee member due to his educational commitments.  The Acting Chair thanked Steve for all his advice, expertise and practical help he had given to the Reserve over the last few years and wished him well.  This important role would be circulated and advertised prior to the AGM and Steve wanted a structured handover. Authorised signatories would also change.  Our Account year ends on 31st august – our village Accountants (Eatons’s) had agreed once again to audit the Accounts.  The Treasurer’s role will need a proposer and a seconder ideally by 9th September.  **Any Other Business**  Bat/Moth Watch  The bat night was being organized for September.  Grazing Programme  The current grazing plan was for sheep to arrive by 18th August – Andy Musson will be asked to complete the final cut at the beginning of September weather permitting.  Post Meeting Note – Final cut now suggested for mid September  National Grid - Work on the southern boundary / Park Lane  The Parish Council had been notified that Nat Grid would need access to prune the hedgerow trees within a 4 metre clearance zone of the main power line bordering Park Lane.  Contact Numbers  SR asked if we had a central list of telephone numbers of interested parties – IK noted due to data protection issues this had not been possible.  Orchard – Tree Protection  Recently several orchard trees were showing signs of deer browsing damage and the Committee asked IK what progress had been made on sourcing tree guards for protection.  IK agreed to investigate suppliers for 1.8 and 1.2 height metre welded wire mesh which could be expanded to fit the growing tree.  Several of the trees are on dwarf root growth.  Working party for tree staking of orchard trees.  A small working party will be arranged on Friday 15th August before the sheep arrive to complete this work.  Revised Action Plan  SB will issue a rolling Action Plan for the next 12 months to the Committee. Please make every opportunity to read.  Little Lambs Nature Trail  The Nursery Manager was keen to liaise with BB to implement a nature trail for the nursery children.  Conservation Volunteers  In reply to a question from a committee member IK would investigate the benefits available with our free membership.  **The Date of the next Meeting**  The next Meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 in the Village Hall Meeting Room.  AGM will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm in the village hall meeting room. | **BB**  **KAH/BB and LH**  **IK**  **All to Note**    **BB/LH**  **BB**  **All to Note**  **IK**  **All to note**  **SB**  **All to Note**  **BB**  **IK** |