## Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting

**On Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7pm in Lambley Village Hall**.

**Present**

Committee:, Stephen Bird (SGB) Chair, Steve Brett (SB) Treasurer, Ian Kassell (IK) Secretary, Karen Hayter (KAH), Christine Bridgett (CB) and Len Harvey (LH) wildlife advisor.

Apologies for absence; (GB) Gina Bajek, Kim Hogden, (KH) Bonnie Bramwell (BB) and Sarah Rhodes (SR)

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| **Item Number** | **Description** | **Action /**  **Date** |
| **1.0** | The Minutes of the last meeting dated 10th December 2024 were accepted as a correct record. |  |
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Hedging work on the western boundary.  IK had donated gapping saplings saving £93 and the only items of expenditure currently outstanding were a throw line purchased by (SR) and supply of antiseptic wipes for the recent reed cutting work.  **Action Plan**  Practicalities of twice-yearly grazing.  KAH was concerned that if grazing livestock is to be considered twice a Year on the Reserve, the meadow areas would need to be cordoned off in early Spring to allow yellow rattle to germinate.  KAH would outreach about practicalities of grazing sheep in Spring.  **Pond – Reed Cutting Events**  The events were well supported (LH) thanks for your expertise and advice on both days together with assistance from Andy Moss.  LHnoted that there were still small areas of reeds near the water’s edge we were unable to reach, he suggested using wooden pallets to complete the work. IK to provide pallets and SB transport them to Reed Pond. This will be a small event on either 15th or 16th February involving Committee members. Agree date / arrangements nearer the time.  Eyewash required for future events in the first aid kit, CB to provide  **Hedges and boundaries**  Planting Saplings Day on the western boundary – Sunday 26th January at 11am. IK to provide plastic spirals and short bamboo canes. SB to produce a suitable Risk Assessment.  This would be a committee member event due to the nature of the work.  SGB/SB had cleared entangled fencing and an old gate (possibly reusable) from the bramble patch on the eastern boundary. There is further work to do and scrap wire has been disposed of.  **Woodland Management**  Crown Lifting Application  Theapplication for crown lifting of trees to the perimeter of the pond has been approved by the Gedling Borough Council.  Details of the application are to be forwarded to LH to allow the marking of appropriate tree branches on 25th January.  The work will be completed by the committee personnel as soon as practical to avoid disturbance to wildlife.  Meeting with Ecology Officer.  (SGB) and (CB) had met Gedling BC Ecology Officer Sarah Spotswood earlier on 14th Jan for an introductory walk with the objective of raising awareness within the Council of the committee’s aspirations for the Reserve. Sarah outlined the requirements for Bio Diversity Net Gain involved expensive and complex contractual arrangements and considering other possible environmental programmes in conjunction with colleagues.  Feedback from the Information Group – Nothing to discuss  **Fund Raising Activities in 2025**  Other than a games night, no other activities are suggested currently for 2025.    **Any Other Business**  Surveys / potential wildlife events  LH noted that there was interest from specialists in the fields of entomology, bat, moth and ornithology in producing events on the Reserve throughout the Year.  Events would be a bat night / moth trapping and bird ringing. The first of these being a scoping exercise for a likely ringing location to be held on Saturday 25th January where LH and Andy Moss / a few Committee members would be in attendance.  .  Proposed Community Orchard in the North Meadow  All Committee members had been forwarded a proposal document by IK of the orchard location. A map had also been produced and handed out at the meeting.  The map showed a dead hedge on the western boundary and a natural boundary of brambles on the north.  The costs associated with the orchard were quite reasonable, involving 4 bundles of dead hedging stakes £38.44p 1.5 and 20 robust rabbit / deer proof tree guards for the orchard trees £68.40p. Many of the smaller trees will not require stakes.  The total cost was £106.84p  IK is donating fruit trees for the orchard from his collection.  KAH and IK would map out the location on Monday 20th January.  The proposed map showed an informal bench or open seat located at the entrance of the orchard.  Sensory Planters  These have been incorporated together with a living willow archway by IK.  The dead hedging around the orchard will be provided from the salvaged hazel coppicing taken from the western hedging and will be supported with the dead hedging stakes at a suitable distance apart. Spending for the proposal was accepted.  X-Mas Meal at The Woodlark  SR was thanked for organizing such a successful event – we all enjoyed the hospitality of The Woodlark.  Dog fouling on the Reserve  CB had noticed evidence of dog fouling on the reserve, the Committee agreed to purchase “dog fouling” warning signs for the Reserve.  Date of the next Meeting  The next Meeting would take place on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 7pm in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall. | BB  All to Note  All to Note  KAH    SB/IK  CB  IK  SB  SB/SGB  SGB/LH/  SGB & CB  All to Note  SB  KAH/IK    SGB/CB  All to Note |