## Minutes of the Lambley Reed Pond Group Meeting

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

**Present**

Committee:, Stephen Bird (SGB) Chair, Steve Brett (SB) Treasurer, Ian Kassell (IK) Secretary, Christine Bridgett (CB) and Bonnie Bramwell (BB).

Apologies for absence; Gina Bajek (GB), Kim Hogden (KH), Karen Hayter (KAH) and Sarah Rhodes (SR).

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| **Item Number** | **Description** | **Action /**  **Date** |
| **1.0** | The Minutes of the last meeting dated 14th January 2025 were accepted as a correct record. |  |
| **2.0**  2.1  2.2  **3.0**  **4.0**  **5.0**  5.1  **6.0**  **7.0**  7.1  **8.0**  **9.0**  9.1  9.2  9.3  9.4  9.5  10.0  11.0  11.1  11.2  11.3  11.4  11.5  12.0 | **Matters Arising**  (2.2) Questionnaires  BB confirmed that she had inputted all new questionnaire responses which appeared on the google drive survey. Bonnnie advised that all the piecharts/charts from the important survey questions would be e mailed to all committee members. CB asked for a copy of the data from BB. SGB noted his appreciation that BB had completed the work and that we had final data that could be used to support funding applications/projects.  (11.2) Purchase of dog fouling warning signs  The signs had been purchased and installed at both access gates.  **Management Strategy / Action Plans**  SB has issued the agreed 2025 Action Plan and Management Plan to the committee. Ian to post both documents to the LRPG portal.  **Treasurers Report**  SB reported that the current balance of the LRPG bank account was £1360.55p after payment to Andy Musson for his work on the meadow and receipt of a generous £117 donation from The Woodlark Inn from a fund-raising event. Liabilities still outstanding – throw line and pack of antiseptic wipes, SB to follow up.  **Meadow**  KAH in her absence had circulated prior to the Meeting her observations, notably she hadn’t had the opportunity to investigate the use of sheep on the meadow between early spring and summer, but maybe a strimmer would produce the same outcome in planned areas. She understood it was not the same as a flock of sheep but a lot more practical.  KAH also requested that the Committee could finance the service of her strimmer that she uses on the Reed Pond at least for 1 year and asked what if her strimmer breaks.  **Pond – Reed Cutting**  The final reed cutting for this season will be on Thursday 27th February. Given the nature of the work, it will be done a small working group. Eye protection must be worn, IK suggested that a mesh/plastic face visor wear could be considered which offers eye and face protection. SB to coordinate.  **Hedges and boundaries**  Planting of saplings along the western hedge was completed on 26th January.  **Woodland Management**  SGB confirmed receipt of feedback from Gedling Borough Council for tree work e.g. crown lifting around the reed pond. SGB will schedule the work, CB and LH have identified some branches for removal.  **Feedback from the Information Group**  As the spokesperson for the Group, BB noted the following: -  **Quotes for seasonal information boards**  BB confirmed that she had obtained 3 quotes as requested from the previous meeting, the cheapest quote came in at £360 including artwork, however, she had contacted the company directly who were happy to give a further discount for a bulk order. SGB had been contacted by Cllr Stevenson as the Parish Council were also replacing information boards around the village, BB agreed to liaise with Cllr Stevenson.  At present, the group was looking at 3 boards, but more could be added. SGB suggested fund raising or sponsorship for the boards.  BB confirmed she had spoken to GBC planning who advised that permission would be needed (to place the boards) from the landowners. They also recommend that she email [parks@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:parks@gedling.gov.uk) and would feedback their reply at the next meeting.  **Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers on the Reserve**  BB contacted the DofE coordinator, Mr. Mountain, at Carlton le Willows school to support projects within the reed pond for volunteer days. She had contacted Colonel Frank Seely Academy first as they are within the Lambley catchment, but they do not administer the DofE scheme. Mr. Mountain was interested in working with us, the committee members agreed that it was a good idea. BB advised that she would liaise with him but would need to know the scope of work which volunteers could do within the reserve. for the award at the local secondary school for the possibility of introducing them on tasks in the Reserve.  **Outreach to The Little Lambs Day Nursery management**  BB advised that she had contacted the Nursery as they had been prominent on Facebook with posts about planting and nature in general. She had spoken with Annie the Setting Manager and was requested to e mail her the types of things we could involve the children with at the reserve. BB requested that the committee suggest ideas and then she could liaise with Annie. SGB suggested involvement on Cowslip Sunday, but this would need further expanding into how, and Nature Walks, these would need to be planned with the educational aspects for the children.  **Reed pond information leaflet**  BB gave the group copies of the 1st draft Reed Pond leaflet at the early stages of completion with ideas of what could be included. The draft leaflet is designed to become our information leaflet, for awareness, fund raising and getting people involved Bonnie will e mail the completed 1st draft for changes before the next meeting.  **Burton Joyce Fair**  BB advised that she had spoken to Karen Taylor about the possibility of a stall at the Burton Joyce Fair. She requested photographs and details about what the stall should promote/sell. BB suggested that once the display board is completed, we could firm up dates and decide what to promote/sell.  **Fund Raising Activities in 2025**  Several music-related events were suggested and a race night, games night or a quiz night. Bonnie advised that the information group come to the next meeting with a firmer proposal.    **Any Other Business**  Community Orchard and dead hedge  It was agreed that orchard trees would be planted with tree guards in mid-February and a trial section of dead hedging created behind the orchard. Biodegradable natural hemp matting would be provided for each tree. IK will coordinate.  **Topographical Survey**  SGB advised that he’s ongoing with discussion for a topographical survey of the reserve. The survey will help inform us of the potential for a wetland area on the east side of the reserve.    **Grant Applications**  LH forwarded details of the potential grant which is available in conjunction with STWA to SGB and SB.  SGB is currently working on a funding application which must be submitted by end of March. The application will be structured around woodland management and improving the biodiversity at the reserve.  **Eastern Boundary Fencing**  The recent work around the eastern boundary has exposed areas where grazing animals can escape into nearby gardens. SB will obtain an indicative cost for installation of permanent fencing.  **Footpath near the north gate**  Due to recent heavy rain the area near the north gate is extremely slippery – more wood chippings are required. To be discussed at the next meeting, re volunteering event.  **The date of the next Meeting**  The next Meeting would take place on Tuesday March 11th in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall. | BB  Closed  IK  SB  Item for next meeting  Item for next meeting  SB  SGB    BB  BB  BB  BB  BB  Discuss at next meeting  Info. group  IK  SGB  SGB  SB  IK |