

North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust

Pigneys board jan 14

Minutes of Director/Trustees on Thursday 30th January 2014 at Methodist Chapel School Room, Knapton

Present

David Gosling (DG): (Chair of Meeting): Peter Kaye (PK): Brian Abbs (BA); Edward de Feyter (EdeF)

In Attendance **Darrell Bean (DB)**

1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 5th December 2013

The **Minutes** had been circulated before the meeting and were approved by all with small amendments and signed by DG

2 Apologies –None received

Welcome- To Darrell Bean who has recently been working with BA and has a provisional degree offer from UEA. He is interested in learning more about Trusteeship & is very welcome

Matters Arising-

- **Tree Survey** BA Has noticed some errors in Rob Yaxley's report which he will take up with him and get the relevant sections altered. The report will give Trustees a detailed note/ grid reference on each major tree **BA**
- **Wildlife Boards for Barn** Agreed that PK would go ahead with getting these posters laminated and erected. BA will do the same with the Wildlife Trust (smaller) posters. It was agreed that the best materials should be used and that the full costs should be taken as being funded from the longstanding funeral donations **BA/PK**
- **Court Recoveries re Criminal Damage at Barn** None yet notified to us. PK will continue his attempt to establish the position with the local Courts. **BA**
- **Completion of Observation Point/ Screening** BA has completed the grant aided hide, mainly by roofing and fixing wire. It is still planned to erect one more hide with (in kind) help from the same contractor **BA**

3 Maintenance

- **Timber- Felling- etc** An unexpected visitor—named Daniel Roe (07717 672150) arrived at that stage- unannounced, having looked up Pigneys on the Web. On behalf of his employers he was seeking a contract for Alder felling and removal; and possibly for Hazel. The Trustees felt inclined to accept these offers, subject to clear written confirmation on price, timing and extraction method proposed
- **Working Party Tasks For Next Few Sessions** BA To give PK expected work lists for the website. PK has produced the list of dates for the next few months
- **Tree Felling/ Sales** DG queried the proposals for controlling reed growth. BA noted that growth is regulated by the depth of water which varies over the site and he does not visualise any significant overgrowth which might need difficult maintenance measures
- **Grazing of Wetland** Now agreed best not to pursue any such grazing not easy--and not greatly needed
- **Fruit Trees in Dog Leg field** BA reported his intention to move these soon down the slope towards the road where the soil had more moisture and less sand. All agreed.
- **Land** BA Noted that a strip of land running from the Bacton road, on the opposite side of the Bacton Rd at the Old Wherry pub up to the Water Sports Centre was being offered for sale— it was only poor quality and damp but would serve as a corridor towards the other side of the Centre and the Pigneys circular walk. BA will register an interest (only) with the owner

4 Finance

- **Latest Figures** DG reported that at the end of January, the in hand balance was £2,759, of which £1559 was a grant held over, as agreed with the funder for heather seedlings to be planted in the late summer; and £525 held to be spent in memoriam-see above. This left "free funds" to be spent on operating and admin costs of £723—a fairly marginal amount. PK said he would now go back to previous funders for a 2014 donation. Tree sales will also assist. Decided to cease subscribing to Local Giving which scheme had not been successful
- **People** There seems no doubt that the Wood needs more people for administration, working in the Wood, Raising funds and PR/ Press engagement. It was noted that the last Community Spaces Grant was aimed to bring in more volunteers; so it would be reasonable to approach those who had given us their email addresses on coming to the Family Fun Day or had taken part in the BTCV work sessions as part of that Grant **BA/ PK**
- **Funds-** Pigneys needs a small but consistent level of outside donations/ funding to keep going and needs to seek annually, contributions to running cost in the form of donations, sponsorship etc. PK will do another annual round of seeking contributions. Agreed to cease our membership of Local Giving which had produced less income than the membership cost since the start

7 Next Meeting Thursday 27th March at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Chapel Rooms Knapton