

North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust

Pigneys board 31714

Minutes of Director/Trustees on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at Methodist Chapel School Room, Knapton

Present

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

**1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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

**2 Apologies –None received**

**3. Matters Arising-**

- **Tree Survey** No action since last meeting. Agreed to send a letter to Rob Yaxley pointing out some apparent mismatches between some trees and data in the report and requesting changes to the relevant entries in the report. When adjusted, the report will give Trustees a very useful detailed note/ grid reference on each major tree **DG**
- **Wildlife Boards for Barn** No progress since last meeting. Agreed that the new & laminated posters will be put in place as soon as possible **BA/PK**
- **Court Recoveries re Criminal Damage at Barn** PK will continue his attempt to establish the position with the local Courts. **BA**
- **Observation Hide** BA was thanked for the completion of the new hide. The planned further, similar hide is awaiting the supply of (FOC) panels from the previous supplier **BA**
- **Follow up** of those who gave email addresses at October Family Fun Day- as agreed at January Board meeting. **PK** to follow through to invite their attendance at Saturday working dates.
- **Transplanting of Fruit Trees** --Had been postponed but move will happen as soon as more rain had fallen. The final position will be at the Road end of the Dog Leg field **BA**
- **Land adjacent to the old Wherry Inn** BA has attended a first meeting between the Owner, the Canal Trust and the Environment Agency and others on the Canal Bank close to the Wherry Inn. Noted that the signs are that the various parties are prepared to act together with a sensitive approach to riparian owners but the proof will come later. The Environment Agency are expected liaise with landowners during the next phase and offer Pigneys shrubs etc to soften the effect of timber/brush removal from Canal banks. Discussions with relevant parties are continuing
- **Sponsorship/ Donations** PK will very soon be sending out requests for annual sponsorship from businesses in or near to N Walsham

**3 Maintenance**

- **Timber- Felling- etc** BA reported that the 2013/14 felling programme was complete with sales of Alder to PV Thain (£250; Birch to Hannant (£67). BA to pay for other Timber felled by him and taken by him with permission, for personal use. This concludes the 2013/14 felling programme **BA/DG**
- **Reed** – BA noted that the depths of parts of the ponds had been increased by Dominic Arnold at a recent visit which had included creating a channel from the outflow pipe from the Anglia Water pumping station. Deeper ponds will reduce reed growth.
- **Relocation of Orchard** BA Noted that the move of the surviving trees to the road end of the Dog Leg Field has been postponed to the Autumn. The big former drainage holes will be removed at that time
- **Benches** Noted that a new bench was needed in the open area near the containers—the former bench had fallen apart. Suggested we appeal for replacements via website **PK**
- **Hazel** Agreed that the hazel was ready for its first cut; a plan / programme is needed DB agreed to look at websites to try to find a possible buyer for Hazel whips **DB**
- **Work Parties** Noted that the repaired mower needs to be collected from the Garden Centre for action on the shorter grass over upcoming months
- **Canal** BA reported a meeting he had attended with the Canal owner, the Canal Trust, the Environment Agency etc about future plans. It appears that all parties will work together.

**4 Finance**

- **Latest Figures** DG reported that at the end of March, the in hand balance was £2,681, of which £1559 remained the held over grant for heather seedlings to be planted in the late summer; and £525 held to be spent in memoriam-as reported at the last meeting.. PK said he would now go back to previous funders for a 2014 donation. Current tree sales will also assist finances.
- **Gift Aid** DG recorded that Tax paying donors can now reclaim Income Tax on giving.
- **Grants** DG will continue to look for Grant possibilities

**5 Next Meeting Thursday 25th September at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Chapel Rooms Knapton**