

Pigneys board jan 13

Minutes of Director Trustees on Thursday 31st January 2013 at the Methodist Chapel School Room, KnaptonPresent

David Gosling (DG): (Chair of Meeting): Peter Kaye (PK): B Abbs (BA); Nick Sutherland (NS)

Apologies: Edward de Feyter

**1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012****1.1** The **Minutes** had been circulated before the meeting and were approved by all and signed by DG**1.2** Any matters arising are to be dealt with when appropriate during the meeting**2 Main Items****2.1 Community Spaces Grant-Phase 4:** DG reported that **Mark Webster** has made very good progress with Paston students and their tutor –all are very keen and regular attenders. DG will visit them at their next session to thank them. They have recently planted a further batch of Black Poplar around the wetland. As summer approaches Mark will be spreading his attention to younger school ages and to families. He is considering having concentrated well publicised sessions in the summer holidays. MA will be asked to invite students and those from future groups to consider helping on some our Saturday morning work parties **BA**  
**Rob Yaxley** is progressing well and liaising with **BA** –His draft 5 year plan is due to be sent to DG/BA in about a month. A progress report had been made to the Lottery by DG, as required.**2.2 Grant Application to Big Society Fund** The heather seeding element has been re-scheduled with NWT for September; the Reed panel observation point will be erected in the Spring, leaving 3 small elements to be delivered--plus 3 small items totalling (£330)—2 floating Islands, stock fencing and stones for a water collection pit—BA is dealing with these **BA****2.3 Tree Survey** Early Spring date to be agreed **BA/ All****2.4 Canal Company.** DG reported that the Planning Appeal verdict was that the Stop Notice against the Canal Company would be upheld. If so, this will mean little work being done on the Canal above Royston Bridge and no immediate footbridge removal**3 Maintenance****3.1 Working Parties** Work on the edges of the two East/West access paths has started—where practicable EDeF will be asked to add these to his regular summer cutting scheduleMore enquiries/ contacts are coming from possible new volunteers **BA/ PK****3.2 Sycamore Coppicing** BA to progress a contract for this year's work to be carried out between May & September. The Contractor will pay the Trust £240 to fell and clear the timber. 30 stems will be taken this year. Agreed that BA can take on this job privately**3.3****4 October Vandalism/ Thefts****4.1 Tool Shed** The insurers have settled this claim at £1132, with which had made it possible to replace all stolen items, except one strimmer, with new items**4.2 Party Held in Barn:** The Insurers had paid £400 for the burnt reed panels and a new picnic table had been purchased for £45. The Police are understood to have a lead to the offending group and will pursue this**4.3** PK reported that the Police had advised him that both the NW & Bacton based officers included Pigneys on their vehicular observation routes**5 Finance****5.1 Recent Transactions****Payments****CS Grant work on account****£1,865****Receipts****Bluebell Quiz Donation****£327.25****[thanks to NS & DG for attending]****CS Grant on account payment****£5,000****5.2 Bank Balance** Agreed to report at next meeting**5.3 Local Giving** PK noted that the income from this source had continued in small sums and intermittently. He also noted some website linking problems. It was agreed to renew our subscription for a further 12 months but not to renew thereafter unless receipts had exceeded our subscription by a meaningful amount during that period. Only £3.57 had been received in the 3 months to end November

**6. Other Business**

The following matters were raised/ reported:

**6.1 NS** Asked permission from his fellow trustees to construct a small soakaway on the Wood side of his back gate and to reinstate the land suitably—**Granted**

**6.2 BA** Thanked for completing the tree plaques and expressed their satisfaction on an excellent project

**6.3** A query was raised on the use of the Wood by a local Scout- no permission or information had been given to Trustees by the Group. To be followed up **C/F**

**6.4** Agreed to seek advice from Alex Hurrell as to how to obtain regular coverage in the local press for our work/ plans/ grants, finances/ appeals etc

**6.5** Agreed to ask M Wright to visit Pigneys as often needed to do survey work and reports for Trustees and send survey results to Trustees (via PK) **PK**

**6.6** Noted that the 6 annual Directors meetings will continue to be on the last Thursdays of alternate months, starting in January and ending in December. Other than in exceptional circumstances, no changes will be made **ALL**

**7. Next Meeting**

**29th March at Methodist School Room, Knapton—7pm**

Signed as Approved.....

Date