

North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust

Pigneys board Sept 12

Minutes of Director Trustees on Thursday 29th November 2012 at the Methodist Chapel
School Room, Knapton

Present

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

1 Minutes of Director/Trustees Meeting held on 27th September 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
- 1.3 **Resignations** The resignations of M Wright and N Stubbs were noted with regret but understood. The number of active Trustees was now at an all time low and this position needs to be considered.

2 Main Items

- 2.1 **Community Spaces Grant-Phase 3:** Noted that virtually all the Tree Tags were now in place—and the slightly altered Leaflet has now been uploaded to the website and will be made available from the Wood Notice Board. The Board was pleased with this part of the Project and BA/PK were thanked. The Project will come into its own from next Spring.
- 2.2 **Community Spaces Grant-Phase 4:** BA and DG had separately met with both **Mark Webster (Community Involvement)** and **Rob Yaxley (Management Plan)** who would be responsible for delivering the Grant under the general direction and supervision of BA & DG on behalf of the Trustees. Copies of the brief are available if required. Mark has already made very useful contact with the head of Biology at Paston who is very keen to get involved himself. The student group has already met twice and are enjoying the experience. Mark will attend all sessions. Rob has been in contact since the initial meeting and is expected to submit his initial report to Brian & David early in the New Year
- 2.3 **Grant Application to Big Society Fund** This has been successful which is very good news. The only problem has been that the announcement of this had been received in early October—expected in September; but a few days after the Buxton Heath heather seed had started to drop. It was therefore and will mean a one year delay. The other elements will go ahead—a new Reed Panel observation point looking West over the wetland (£1000) ; plus 3 small items totalling (£330).
- 2.4 **Wetland Improvements** It was agreed not to seek funding for sluice gates at present while the land was stabilising but to wait at least until the Canal Company becomes active in the Pigneys section when some assistance might be forthcoming from the owner. BA Reported that no further planting was planned at present. Noted that spending on the wetland grant was now complete
- 2.5 **Tree Survey** Agreed that this was still needed before Spring. A date needs to be agreed at the next meeting. Noted that a new and simpler pro forma had been received from NNDC
- 2.6 **Canal Company.** DG reported that little action was being undertaken by the Owner or the Canal Trust working parties at present. The Public Enquiry is taking place in early December and the landowners to the south of the Canal Company land are making it difficult for the Canal Trust to undertake meaningful maintenance
- 2.7 **Tree List for Website.** BA will complete and pass to PK for insertion

3 Maintenance

- 3.1 **Working Parties** Agreed to clear back the North/ South access paths during the winter. Planning on other work likely to remain ad hoc as much depends on turnout, weather and any happenings in the Wood. A number of enquiries are coming from the website but attendance remains light
- 3.2 **Sycamore Coppicing** BA to contact M Kirby or others to arrange this year's felling which needs to take place between May and September
- 3.3 **Black Poplar** DG is in touch with M Webster (CTV) for saplings

4 October Vandalism/ Thefts

- 4.1 Noted that two separate events had taken place within about a week
 - (a) **Tool Shed** Breaking of lock on tool shed and stealing of all major items except the old Mountfield Mower
 - (b) **Party Held in Barn:** Used reed from panels plus one picnic table and NCC footpath sign to make a bonfire site littered with bottles/ cans

4.2 Insurance NFU Mutual had been very helpful and it had been possible to most of the Equipment with new items. The damage to the Barn was not insured with the exception of the reed panel, for which £400 was recovered. This sum plus a £350 donation were sufficient to pay for a new galvanised main pole gate to prevent further incursions by car or other vehicles

4.3 Police They had not been very thorough on the night but had since made progress in tracing possible culprits

5 Finance

5,1 Recent Transactions

Payments	Insurance Premium, 2012/23	£819.17
	Pole Gate	£675.00
	Small Trolley	£210.00
	Hire Digger/ Driver-1 day	£182
Receipts	Rent	£1000

5.2 Bank Balance Agreed to report at next meeting

6. Other Business

None

7. Next Meeting

31st January at Methodist School Room, Knapton—7pm

Signed as Approved.....

Date