

Minutes Scholes Lodge Field Subcommittee Meeting

20th October 2020 remote meeting. 18.30

Attendees; Cllrs Paul Remmer (Chair), Karen Dales, Graham Slater, Stella Walsh, Claire Hassell (Vice Chair)

Apologies; Janet Horkan.

To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to receive and consider any applications for dispensation.

No new declarations of pecuniary interests declared.

Minutes The draft minutes from the last meeting 9th July 2020 approved with the following corrections to ATM should read EG Landscapes, Barwick.

1. It was noted that residents had not been invited and this had been an oversight and they would be included in future meetings.
2. The owl box pole has not been removed; as it is not dangerous it will be left until spring. Ongoing to find cost of new pole. Lotherton bird expert noted that the owl box should be placed at least 10-foot (3 meters) above the ground and should be placed near trees to encourage owls to nest.
3. Grass cutting.
 - a. Further cut for winter, it was agreed to leave as the ground is very wet and the tractor could cause more damage.
 - b. The Chair has plotted areas that do not need cutting on a diagram, PDF files, will pass onto Andrew to covert on to maps.
4. Removal of weeds taken from bog area, some were bagged and removed. Need to bag rest and leave outside the field will collect. Karen has a supply of bags. Action Chair.
5. Works to control the dock / weeds this requires a clear and concise plan. Action; Chair to look at appropriate herbicides. Need to spray before spring.
6. Proposal 3 trees located in the field, one sycamore to be removed, willow tree moved to side away from orchard site; tree near the kissing gate to be retained. All agreed.
7. Planting spring bulbs, now too late. Details of plug plants, and when they needed to be planted unclear. Defer to next meeting.
8. WI to supply sample plaque for approval, defer for further meeting.
9. Management plan for the field 2021-2023, the field needs to be maintained to secure the ecological nature of the field with regard to the UK biodiversity action plan. Need to put some work into this, suggestions relating to areas which are not going to get cut, dock management, wild flower areas. Chair to start a development plan with a programme, contactors to be identified. Need to put out for 3 quotes, contractor's suggestions, ATM, Farndale, Claire to send details of third.
10. Frequency of meetings, need to meet spring and autumn, do not need to meet winter. Chair to send details.
11. A.O.B

- a. Yellow rattle seeds, ongoing to plant in spring in mole hills.
- b. Benches needed treated, done.
- c. Iris plants in bog area, recommended these should be removed. Ongoing. Need to clearly identify the plants.
- d. 2 dead fruit trees, need removing, not to be replaced. Bag up and LCC will remove.
- e. Old wooden chair, now dumped near stile. Place back near the bench.

12. Finish 19.30 Dates of next meeting to be circulated.