

Agreed Minutes Scholes Lodge Field Subcommittee Meeting

8th April 2021 remote meeting. 18.30

Attendees; Cllrs Paul Remmer (Chair), Karen Dales, Graham Slater, Janet Horkan Stella Walsh.

Apologies; Claire Hassell.

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.

Cllr Karen Dales noted a declaration of pecuniary interest in item 5 on the agenda; grass cutting.

Minutes The draft minutes from the last meeting 20th October 2020 approved.

1. Fly tipping in the field; including rubbish in black bags near the entrance gate and concrete posts rear of 17 Main Street. JH and PR to remove bags when clearing Bog area. PR to check on concrete. PR to write piece for Newsletter to deter further fly tipping.
2. New tree planted without our knowledge near Methodist wall, possibly a sapling that has grown. JH to discuss with residents.
3. Discussion re holly bush in field, no further action at present.
4. **Field furniture maintenance**, benches require inspection. Wood preservative applied to some, fixings to flags under benches to be checked. PR to check. Board walk has been treated and should require no further maintenance.
5. **Owl post**. It was agreed to find a replacement. PR to seek details of costs from Ben.
6. Tree left hand side of bug hotel is collapsing into the field. Suggestions of how to deal with it discussed, to be considered at onsite meeting. Cllr Slater noted the recent Tree Report covered trees in the field. Copy of report to be sent to JH. JH to put in WI plaque.
7. **Grass Cutting**
Currently still using Barry 2021 programme. Mr Dales has acquired a large ride on lawn mower which could be used to cut the grass in the field. Does not collect the grass. Specification to be written, together with plan of the field, which identifies which areas are to be cut. Some shorter areas to be included.
Areas of grass cutting to be agreed and marked out at onsite meeting with team. Specification to be sent to Barry, Mr Dales and Hall Tower Field contractor. Decision to award contract once the tenders are submitted.
Onsite meeting Saturday April 10th 15.00. Meet stone style.
8. **Dock / weed control** agreed PR to purchase weed killer, Dock Star £50 plus VAT 1 litre. PR and JH to spray. Need to spray as soon as possible when a

suitable dry period can be identified. Worse areas need grass to be kept short. PC back-pack sprayer to be collected from Claire Hassel (SW). Notices required on all entrances that field has been sprayed and to keep dogs on leads on paths. PC has A3 white boards that could be used.

9. **Planting spring bulbs** for flowering 2022. £500 in budget, to agree plan at site visit and JH to place order with supplier.

10. **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. Suggestions relating to areas which are not going to get cut, dock management, wild flower areas. Chair to outline a development plan after site meeting. To consider potential picnic areas. Wild flower section near Methodist, previously cut in error. Needs first cut and grass scrapped off. Debris and spoil to be used to fill in sink hole. Currently no growth, as too early in season.

The Fairy event was deemed a great success and future events are planned, possible August Bank holiday weekend. It was noted that one downside of the success of the field and use of the area as a public space is the increased use by dog walkers, which mitigates against use by children. Need to persuade people to use pick up dog poo and use bins, possible move bin from the bus stop to Leeds Road gate. It was agreed that people respect tidier areas and it is important to keep maintenance of field as high as possible.

11. **Frequency of meetings.**

A discussion regarding frequency of meeting, it was agreed once a month was too frequent and business was endlessly repeated. A meeting could be called if necessary if anything occurred between meetings. Agreed no winter meetings, thereafter every two months. Need a meeting to decide contract for grass cutting. Once programme of cutting is agreed, frequency of meetings to be arranged.

A.O.B

Volunteer Policy, needs to be circulated to people who help in field. To encourage people to sign up so they can be covered by insurance and also supported where necessary.

Dates of next meeting to be circulated.

Finish 20.30