

## Agreed Minutes SLF MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 18.30 Scholes Pavilion

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 disclosed a Pecuniary Interest; Grass Cutting Contract.

### 1. Attendance

Cllrs Paul Remmer (Chair), Karen Dales, Stella Walsh, Graham Slater. Resident Janet Horkan. Observers Susan Glover.

Apologies; Cllr Claire Hassell

### 2. Minutes of last meeting, April 2021 Agreed

### 3. Fly tipping, grass from gardens adjacent to field. **Agreed** to send letter to advise of the offence, houses along Main Street. PR to draft.

### 4. Field furniture;

a. Gate; repair for short term and consider replacement.

b. Benches, one painted by Steve Sirrell, happy with this and need to ask if he is willing to continue or send letter of thanks.

### 5. Maintenance

a. Planting, spring bulbs, £500 from last year, not spent. Agreed JH to order an assortment of bulbs and organise planting. Also agreed 4 flowering cherry trees to be planted to complete "walkway".

**Action;** GS to prepare Application for Community Fund. £500 for bulbs and seeds for WFM and 4 flowering cherry trees, £200, total £700.

b. Grass cutting, current cutting looks really good. Grass cut 5.5 times. Mixed bag of weather, field is taking longer to cut than anticipated. Half a cut left. Based on this season grass needs cutting every 2 to 3 weeks. Need to consider approval of extra cuts. Field needs chain harrowing and rolling. Cutting generally starts April, depending when the bulbs finish and weather. Total of 32 growing weeks; needs approximately 10 cuts. Maximum of 10 cuts minimum of 6 cuts.

**Agreed;** to go out for new tender, need new specification.

**Action:** PR to write new specification. To ask if percentage discount if field cut in different sections. GS to ask other councils for details of grass contractors.

**Action: Clerk** to circulate new specification to contractors.

c. WFM; initial work to establish a WFM is significant. Grass baling needed at the top section for WFM; struggle to find anybody to bale the grass. Alternative spray/burn the grass. Area, stone stile to back of the Methodist Church.

**Agreed:** GS to spray area and area to be marked off. PR to rake off and place in sink hole. Rope off area.

d. Strimming/spraying field edges. In future cut nearer the edges, spray. Dock weed PR sprayed and will continue. Need more weed killer (add to budget). Dock Star, £50 plus £120 for person to spray.

e. Bog area currently untidy and needs attention.

**Action:** JH to start renovation in Spring. Skip on site would be beneficial. Ask Ward Councillor to agree pay for skip. **Action:** Clerk to send note.

6. 2021/2022 budget review Current budget £1,200. £1105 spent. 2019/20 budget £3000. Spent £446. PR to discuss with Clerk. Justification for increase, extra grass cutting; mole control; weed killer and hand spraying; gate and bench maintenance (could be paid out of Scholes Conservation Fund). Hedge cutting, south west boundary currently £50, remain with this contractor.  
**Action:** PR to prepare a new realistic budget to be ready for 9<sup>th</sup> November F&GP.
7. Suggestion additional members to the Subcommittee. Currently have skill set required, and public can attend all meetings. Discussion regarding the need for a wider range of people from across the village to be representatives or volunteers to encourage inclusivity. Fossils group, has not developed.  
**Agreed:** publicise future SLF meetings, add article to next Newsletter.
8. Frequency of meetings 2 fixed per year, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and September. Further meetings as required.
9. AOB
  - a. Owl box, still ongoing, KD to contact Leeds City Council Forestry team to acquire 15ft pole. Ben will erect. Bob Lockwood has wood, may have a pole. PR to contact.
  - b. Elder tree needs pruning. **Action** Clerk to get quote.
  - c. Pond, future plan. Check with Archaeological experts.
  - d. Seat in the field, Luke Beatty to install.
10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Pavilion 18.30
11. Meeting finished 21.15