

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Monday 18th April 2016

7.45 pm in Village Hall

Present: Tessa Dancer, Steve Tysom, Diana Clark, Jennifer Dixon, Stephanie Lishman, Bernard Page, Jane Wood, Sheila Mathias, Mick Clements, Molly Clements, Pat Hardcastle, Graham Maw, Tracey Maw, Karen Kelly, Paula Jones, Robin Smith, Pauline Kneafsey and Kathleen Platts

Apologies: Derek Carpenter, Reg Doble and Liam Lathan

Everyone was welcomed.

1. Minutes of the last meeting
 - a. Agreed
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - a. None
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Cost of printing newsletter £17.19, hall hire 12.00 . With Village Hall paid for tonight, the balance is £802.22
 - b. Future costs: Derek to paid for gravel and Jane for printing of book for Kevin.
4. Sub groups
 - a. PC - Stevie reported
 - i. Ownership of Walnut Dr verge was discussed. Does not belong to BCC, may belong to AVDC or Vitalograph. Issue to be pursued as PC is paying for the cutting.
 - ii. Grass verges will be cut four times a year by local company. This has already happened twice.
 - iii. PC have £1000 to distribute to local community groups.
 - iv. Local groups to be asked to organise something for Queen's birthday street party. (Church BBQ may be brought forward to that weekend.)
 - v. Footpath blockages behind the vets and Rugby Club to be investigated.
 - vi. The Annual Village meeting will take place on 28th April. Steve will go and report.
 - b. Planning - Graham reported
 - i. The four houses on Fayrefield have been declined as plan is not sustainable.
 - ii. Old Walls - the reinstatement of the pavement is being queried as no evidence can be found that a pavement has ever been there.
 - iii. 170 houses - there is nothing on the website from Highways as yet. Paul Holton, ADVC ecologist has stated that there will be no detrimental effect on the ecology. Warren Whyte (Councillor) sent very strong objection to the whole proposal.
 - c. Footpaths
 - i. The mapping group has done the footpath extension at Fosote and are making good progress.
 - ii. Steve has worked with the fp officer at Meadow Bank to extend fp to link up fps across his car park.
 - iii. Concern was raised about electric fence across fp and it was suggested that photos were taken and sent to AVDC on the same site that potholes are reported.
 - d. Environment
 - i. Cowslips and foxgloves have been planted in Scotts Lane.
 - ii. Tessa reported a large amount of rubbish in one place in Scotts Lane - to be investigated and removed.
 - iii. MMM - The final report has been completed and was left out to be looked at over coffee.
5. Communications

- a. Facebook continues to grow in popularity and is an excellent way to pass information.
 - b. Newsletter is being printed. Pauline will contact members to help with delivery. Heritage Day is before our next newsletter so we will request the PC to include information in their July edition.
 - c. Twitter - Steve will give advice to anyone wishing to use it to update new growth and work parties in Scotts Lane.
6. Heritage Day
- a. Stevie will organise another couple of meetings during the summer.
 - b. Robin will sort out QR code to enable scanning the blue plaque information. Mark will be asked if the village website can host a page - PK.
 - c. Jane will speak to the school about their old registers and logs.
 - d. Stevie will liaise with WI and church.
 - e. Diana has a laminator for notices.
 - f. Advertising via posters, PC newsletter and FaceBook.
 - g. The map group will have completed their maps.
 - h. Fiona may do churchyard trail - Jane will ask.
7. Events
- a. AGM 16th May
 - b. Sunday 3rd July - Summer walk **(NB change of date)** Meet at Meadow Bank car park 2pm. Heritage practice walk round village finishing with tea at Pauline's.
 - c. Saturday 10th September - Heritage Day
8. AGM 16th May 2016
- a. Jane and Reg to give talk on The Forge
 - b. Posters advertising event -PK
 - c. Refreshments- Sheila to buy wine and nibbles. Pauline to bring glasses and raffle tickets.
 - d. Raffle prizes to Pauline.
9. Review of the Year for Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 28th April
- a. It has been a very busy year and many suggestions were made for Steve to include in his report.
10. Funding
- a. The PC to be asked for funding for shingle, Heritage Day, printing of maps and newsletters and putting up QR codes on information boards along Scotts Lane.
9. AOB
- a. Kevin the postman retires a week on Thursday. Jane will find out the best way of presenting him with the wonderful book of his route through MM and the best wishes of the residents. A huge thank you to Jane for taking the photos and organising it. An email or phone call will inform everyone of what is happening.
 - b. Bernard reminded us of the great job done by Jeff Vickers in the Rose Garden. It was suggested that a card should be given to him, to be signed at AGM, expressing our grateful appreciation of his work and the care he takes to make the garden a lovely place in the village.

After the meeting Pat Hardcastle gave a very thought provoking illustrated talk on his work in Global Forestry including climate change affecting the water, and growth of ash in UK, illegal logging and biodiversity in countries as varied as Malawi, Denmark, Indonesia and Mongolia.

Dates of next meetings:

Monday 16th May 2016 **AGM**

Monday 18th Sep 2016

Monday 16th October 2016

Monday 20th November 2016