

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Wednesday 17th February 2021

7.30pm by Zoom videoconference

Present: Stevie Lishman, Jane Wood, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Fiona Hancock, Bernard Page, Lyn and Kevin Robinson, Pat Hardcastle, Natasha Rose, Clare and Andy Hodgson, Cheryl and Keith Dawson and Anna and Andrew Hyde

Apologies: Derek Carpenter and Steve Tysom

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Mound Acct £125.79
 - b. MMCG Acct £1314.71(includes PC grant now in the bank).
2. Liaison updates
 - a. PC
 - i. Planning permission to change projected houses in the Pightle (Bernard Stopps garden) to 4/5 bedroom was turned down by N Bucks planning meeting.
 - ii. The support group, organised by the PC to help during coronavirus, is to continue in an independent format where it would be able to respond more quickly and thus be more effective.
 - iii. BCC starting a county wide local plan.
 - b. NP
 - i. Slow progress at the moment but aiming for a final draft late March/early April.
3. Subgroups
 - a. Footpaths
 - i. Derek reported that low lying areas had become very muddy because of heavy rainfall therefore now would be a good time to put on one bag of gravel at a cost of £80. Helpers willing to be contacted to give assistance.
 - b. Scotts Lane
 - i. Aconites coming up and in flower. Snowdrops seem to be late in coming through.
 - ii. Please continue to sweep up in Scotts Lane.
 - iii. Jane reported that the ditches were in a poor condition. At the end of the lane, Michael will clear the overflowing water on to the road.
 - iv. Fences are still a problem and in disrepair round fields close to the Old Manor,
4. Discussion
 - a. Information Pack for new residents
 - i. Please send ideas to Pauline. She will speak to Georgie and bring accumulated ideas to the next meeting.
 - b. Bat Boxes – no news
 - c. Annual Review of Policies
 - i. PK will email policies to the volunteers. Please read and check for amendments before contacting Stevie before 1st March.
 - d. Coming out of Lockdown
 - i. Non-vulnerable people may need support and conversation. Please send ideas to Stevie.
 - e. House Insulation – Lyn thought that this was too difficult to take forward.
 - f. Glass milk bottles - Milk and More are changing to glass bottles from plastic. They may be contacted on <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/> or 03456063606

- g. To discuss and vote on Lyn's proposal:
 - i. *That the Maids Moreton Conservation Group supports affiliation to the Bucks Climate Action Alliance, without any obligation or financial contribution as a Group to the Alliance.*
 - ii. The result of the votes from eligible members are as follows:

two supported the motion; eleven opposed the motion and one abstained citing lack of knowledge.

The motion was rejected.

5. Admin

- a. Litter Pick: Liam thought this should be deferred until a safer time. Young village residents who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award will spend an hour each week on their own, litter picking for the Community Service Section. MMCG will be happy to help them with equipment etc.
- b. Newsletter: Please send articles to Lyn for inclusion.
- c. Future Meetings: Old photos from Jill; *Woodbine Cottage* from Cheryl; *Old House* from Diana – dates to be arranged.

6. AOB

- a. It was agreed to apply to the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Service to help with the updating of its 'parish summaries' as seen at <https://heritageportal.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>.

Date of the next meeting - Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm.