

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group
Wednesday 21st April 2021
7.30pm by Zoom videoconference

Present: Stevie Lishman, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Bernard Page, Pat Hardcastle, Natasha Rose, Clare and Andy Hodgson, Cheryl and Keith Dawson, Andrew and Anna Hyde, Jane Wood and Derek Carpenter

Apologies: Lyn and Kevin Robinson, Fiona Hancock

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mound Acct £125.79
- b. MMCG Acct £1266.71
- c. Scott has agreed to audit the books for our AGM in May.

2. Liaison updates

a. PC

- i. At the VALP Inspector's hearing, the Inspector wanted to know what it was like to live in MM and on the first day, Jane gave a very good account which seemed to genuinely interest the Inspector. On the second day there was a contradiction spotted between the traffic mitigation given to the Inspector and the developer and the mitigation given in writing to the Action Group. According to the Inspector, the traffic from the 170 houses AND from the proposed development Stage 3 of the Moreton Rd was expected to go along Mill Lane (College Farm Rd) to alleviate congestion at the Old Gaol. The PC have commissioned several traffic surveys which seem more accurate than the Planning Dept.
- ii. The disturbances on the playing fields have calmed down.
- iii. There has been concern on Facebook over the removal of brambles during the bird nesting period but there would not have been any ground nesting birds present as the patches were too open.
- iv. The scout hut and cricket pavilion are to be upgraded.
- v. PC newsletter will be delivered shortly.

b. NP

- i. When the new grant is in place Jane and Pat will send the draft to Dave Chetwyn and after finalising it to an independent NP Inspector. The next steps will be a talk given to the Community and then a referendum of the electorate in the Community.

3. Subgroups

a. Footpaths

The Footpath Team, Kevin, Bernard and Derek, continue to keep the Duck Lake to Church St. footpaths under surveillance and maintained.

Yesterday, one ton more shingle was laid in the places most subject to flooding recently.

The bridge to the pond is now fitted with chicken wire to prevent slipping. There are new ducklings.

b. Scotts Lane

- i. Brambles need to go to the recycling place. Pat offered to take them.
- ii. Some bat boxes still to be erected.
- iii. Count of primroses and cowslips will take place on Monday at 10am in Scotts Lane. Stevie will get a map to Natasha.

4. Discussion

- a. Information Pack for new residents
 - i. Stevie and Pauline will meet to advance. Natasha will send a copy of another village's Welcome Pack to use for ideas.
 - ii. A booklet on the trees in Scotts Lane was thought to be a useful project.
 - iii. Jane will continue her plant sale for the Action Group if needed/ Conservation Gp.

5. Admin

- a. Future Meetings: *Woodbine Cottage* from Cheryl; *Old House* from Diana, Dealing with Talk from Pat on his magnificent new book on Sustainable Forests – dates to be arranged.

6. AOB

- a. Our next meeting clashed with the post-election meeting of the PC therefore our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th May and it will be our AGM.

Date of the next meeting - Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

After the meeting Natasha regaled us with her efforts to stop litter being dropped on the industrial estate which resulted in litter being collected throughout the estate by the responsible company. Well done, Natasha!