

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group
Wednesday 20th April 2022
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stevie Lishman, Fiona Hancock, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Bernard Page, Lyn Robinson, Liam Latham, Cheryl Dawson, Pat Hardcastle, Jane Wood, Carole and Brian Wiltshire, Clare and Andy Hodgson.

Apologies: Keith Dawson and Derek Carpenter,

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting– agreed as a true record.
2. Matters arising from the minutes – none
3. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Mound Acct £125.79
 - b. MMCG Acct £1326.66, £10 donation received. Village hall costs have risen to £8 per hour. Lloyds Bank in Buckingham is closing and the nearest branches will be in Brackley and Milton Keynes. Cost of newsletter printing - £38.05
4. Liaison updates
 - a. PC
 - i. Pat has nominated himself as ‘Objector’ for the Judicial Review.
 - ii. Any comments on the playing field development should go firstly on the PC website after which the PC will contact the groups that are involved.
 - iii. NP At the PC Pat spoke about the process the Neighbourhood Plan now has to go through. He will email this process to us.
 - b. Action Group
 - i. Letter regarding a meeting in the village hall on Sunday and Monday is being delivered.
 - ii. MMCG to put in an assessment of trees in semi wooded area near Rocky’s footpath plus the ancient sycamore is in hand. Carolyn and Pat are looking at trees that need attention.
5. Subgroups
 - a. Footpaths and Scotts Lane
 - i. Stevie spoke to the landowner who is working with the footpath officer and he will make the osier bed footpath clear. PK will get stickers/laminated sign for footpath.
 - ii. Scotts Lane is looking good and the wood anemones are thriving.
 - iii. Last working party until the autumn will take place on Thursday 21st April. John Ingle has volunteered to cut the grass by the footpath leading from Hall Close to Scotts Lane. It was suggested that the grass be cut up to a metre from the path where possible.
 - iv. Lyn will continue on a Thursday morning if anyone wanted to join her.
 - v. Wild flower seeds have been scattered.
 - b. Tree Booklet - It is hoped to have it completed in May. We could ask the Old Gaol if they would like spare copies of Maids Moreton 1914 – 1918.
6. Information Pack for new residents Jenny Dixon has kindly agreed to take over this task.
7. AGM
 - a. Policies need to be revised beforehand. A sub group will do this.
 - b. If Stevie has not returned from holiday, Jane will chair the meeting.

- c. Pat may be able to give a talk if he is not abroad working.
- 8. To be discussed
 - a. Litter Pick – Liam was thanked for a successful day. There was a good turnout and everyone who helped was thanked.
 - i. On the Chackmore track a basin has been dumped in the ditch. Lyn and Clare will contact AV disposal.
 - ii. It was suggested that we apply for a Rotary/Round Table grant.
 - b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2nd June 2022)
 - i. An exhibition in the village hall with reference to the seven decades of the Queen's reign is to take place from 1 pm to 4.30 pm on Thursday 2nd June. A sub group has been formed. Jane will make a request for memorabilia on Facebook. WE need Union Jacks to decorate the hall and fashion from the seven decades.
- 9. Future Meetings
 - a. *Old House* from Diana, Talk from Pat on his book on Sustainable Forests, Photos from Lorna Drysak who used to live in Woodbine Cottage; Sue Delly and her sheep – dates to be arranged.
- 10. Future Dates
 - a. Every Sunday in Rose Garden – protesters against war in Ukraine – 3pm
 - b. The Annual Parish meeting Wednesday 27th April
 - c. Thursday 2nd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 - d. Stony Stratford Open Gardens Sat and Sun 25th/26th June 11am-4pm. Buy tickets early from Odells or Willen Hospice in SS as sell out quickly. £5 each
- 11. AOB - None

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 18th May 2022 AGM at 7.30pm.