

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group
Wednesday 16th February 2022
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stevie Lishman, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Bernard Page, Lyn Robinson, Liam Latham, Cheryl and Keith Dawson, Fiona Hancock,

Apologies: Pat Hardcastle, Jane Wood, Carole and Brian Wiltshire, Derek Carpenter, Clare and Andy Hodgson

Before the meeting began, we spent a few minutes remembering Reg Doble who had been a longstanding member of the Conservation Group and a great contributor to many of our newsletters. He sadly passed away on 5th December 2021.

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 £1088.71 We had received £70 from the PC for newsletter printing and outgoings were: Vale Volunteers- £70, Gravel - £75, Hall - £12
 - c. PC have agreed to a grant of £290 towards the tree booklet.
4. Liaison updates
 - a. PC
 - i. Community Speedwatch is going ahead as a community group with support from PC to put a 20mph speed limit along Main St, Church St, South Hall and Avenue Rd.
 - ii. Suggestions for s106 grants regarding the playing fields were explained.
 - b. NP
 - i. No news.
 - c. MMFAG – VALP
 - i. The meeting in the packed village hall in January agreed overwhelmingly to continue to fight against the development even though the outcome looked bleak.
 - ii. On Sunday 13th Feb, a protest march, which crossed the proposed development field, attracted over 100 people, objecting to development on greenfield sites.
5. Subgroups
 - a. Footpaths and Scotts Lane
 - i. Derek reported that a great deal had been achieved so far this year and he would like to congratulate all who had worked on it. SL has been cut back and cleared plus more plantings by Lyn and the footpath to Hall Close has also been cleared and planted.
 - ii. Thanks to Carole and Brian for their machinery and Cheryl and Keith for their shredder as well as Ann and Mark for the insect hotels.
 - iii. More tidying up needs to be done. Diana is in communication with her tree specialist who will come and shred debris left from the Vale Volunteers.
 - iv. A discussion ensued regarding bringing VV back in September to reduce the size of the willow in the pond. To be on the agenda in March.
 - v. Pauline made a plea to keep the area looking natural and wild.
 - vi. Regular Thursday morning working parties will continue each Thursday from 10am to 11am.

- b. Tree Booklet
 - i. PK passed round a draft copy of the booklet in its early stages and suggested that the booklet could go towards our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in conjunction with a tree walk; labelling trees with their common names; putting a photo of our planting of the trees in the playing fields on the Queen's Green Canopy website and getting signage for the Osier Bed Walk.
 - ii. Lyn to ask Susan Hatton to write a poem.
 - c. Information Pack for new residents - None required.
6. To be discussed
- a. Litter Pick
 - i. Date agreed Saturday 19th March meeting in the playing fields at 1.30 pm.
 - ii. Cheryl will let the church know the date so that it will not coincide with their big clean for Easter.
 - iii. Stevie will provide Health and Safety guidance.
 - iv. Liam will organise the event and the collection of black bags and rubbish gathered by contacting Aylesbury Vale.
 - b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2nd June 2022)
 - i. The tree booklet will be called 'A Canopy of Green, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Trees in Maids Moreton'.
 - ii. An exhibition in the village hall with reference to the seven decades of the Queen's reign was suggested.
 - iii. It was felt wise to make no decisions until we knew what the PC proposed.
 - c. Playing Fields
 - i. Stevie showed the plans drawn up by the architect employed by the PC to enhance the scout hut with s106 monies.
 - ii. The children's play equipment will also be upgraded.
 - iii. A trim trail was suggested for older children and adults.
7. Future Meetings
- a. *Old House* from Diana, Talk from Pat on his book on Sustainable Forests; display of new material from Reg Doble, Photos from Lorna Drysak who used to live in Woodbine Cottage; Sue Delly and her sheep – dates to be arranged.
8. Future Dates
- a. Every Thursday 10am – 11am: Scotts Lane Working Party
 - b. Saturday 19th March – 1.30pm – Litter Pick. Meet in the Playing Fields.
 - c. Thursday 2nd June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee
9. AOB
- a. Newsletter
 - i. Copy to Lyn by 3rd March
 - ii. Pauline will collate and send to printers
 - b. Rocky's Path – snowdrops are hidden under ivy that has been cut from the wall and left on the ground.

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

After the meeting Pauline gave a very short talk about the 1981 environmental project organised by the PC and the Conservation Group that then existed.