

Minutes of Maids Moreton Conservation Group
Wednesday 20th October 2021
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stevie Lishman, Pauline Kneafsey, Diana Clark, Bernard Page, Jane Wood, Carole and Brian Wiltshire, Lyn Robinson, Liam Latham, Fiona Hancock, Diana Cook, Derek Carpenter, Cheryl and Keith Dawson,

Apologies: Pat Hardcastle, Natasha Rose, Clare and Andy Hodgson, Andrew Hyde

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed as a true record.
2. Matters arising from the minutes –
 - a. 4a(i)Lyn has written to the fp officer expressing concern that moving footpath MMT/3 would prevent the public having access to an important heritage site in the village.
 - b. The osier bed footpath goes across three fields and into the osier beds as shown on 2015 map. Osiers were used historically for basket making probably about 1800s.
 - c. 8aNewsletters: Lyn will continue to collate and edit and Pauline publish.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Mound Acct £125.79
 - b. MMCG Acct £1187.71 Newsletter cost £35 to print.
4. Liaison updates
 - a. PC
 - i. PK will apply to PC for grant for Newsletter printing, Welcome Booklet and Tree Booklet. No gravel needed.
 - ii. There is a proposed planning extension in the Conservation Area that includes black plastic cladding which is not appropriate. it was agreed to send in an objection from MMCG.
 - b. NP
 - i. Nearing completion.
 - c. MMFAG – VALP
 - i. The Action Group is continuing to question planning application on the grounds of biodiversity
5. Subgroups
 - a. Footpaths and Scotts Lane
 - i. Derek gave a short presentation on the need to plan in order to achieve results in Scotts Lane. He proposed setting up a subgroup to plan how we are going to do it and who is going to do it. (Vale Volunteers – Adrian Bayliss – Wednesdays only and fully booked until January) Scouts would like to be involved. Jane, Brian, Keith, Cheryl, Stevie, Pat, Derek and Bernard all volunteered to be on the subgroup. Derek will email round a date to meet.
 - ii. There also needs to be a plan to dispose of cuttings etc. as it may encourage dumping.
 - iii. No entry to pond in spring to avoid disturbing nesting birds.
 - iv. Regular Thursday morning working parties will continue each Thursday from 10am to 11am.
6. Tree Planting
 - a. Now completed. After care – 2 years weeding and watering.
 - b. Kevin would like to thank Bernard in particular for his help as well as Phil Carver, Jacky Dale-Evans (PC Clerk), Ann, Pat and Caroline. The Chair thanked Kevin and all those who had helped with this project to combat climate change.

7. Tree Booklet
 - a. Clare and Jane will join sub group.
 - b. At the moment we are collecting information – from maps, WI scrap books and individuals.
 - c. Tamara will email Scots Pine info to PK.
8. Bucks Local Heritage List
 - a. Lyn and Pauline will put together a listing for the Mound.
9. Information Pack for new residents
 - a. We shall all keep our eyes open for new residents and ‘Welcome Leaflet’ will be regularly on the agenda.
10. Future Meetings
 - a. *Plan for Scotts Lane – Derek; Old House* from Diana, Talk from Pat on his book on Sustainable Forests; display of new material from Reg Doble – dates to be arranged.
11. Future Dates
 - a. Every Thursday 10am – 11am - Scotts Lane Working Party
 - b. Sunday 31st October, 1.30pm. Meet in Meadowbank car park for walk to osier beds.
 - c. Thursday 2nd June - Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
12. AOB
 - a. Queen’s Jubilee. Jane has a time line of changes that took place in MM during Queen’s lifetime. This could make the basis for an exhibition in the village hall. Stevie will ask the Wheatsheaf if they are planning anything for the occasion and Cheryl will ask the Church and the WI.

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

After the meeting Keith gave a very interesting presentation on Woodbine Cottage and its fascinating history as a building as well as some stories of the owners and some families who have lived there over the years.