

**Minutes of a Meeting of Scarning Water Meadows
Sub-committee held in the Scarning Village Hall at 1900hrs on 17th March 2014.**

Present: Mr R Walton, Mrs W Brown, Mr. S Faulkner, Mr A Horwell, Mr. J Walker
and Mr N Hartley.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr S Dalliston .

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2014 were agreed.

3. Lease Update and Annual Review of Management Plan.

The Lease has been registered at the Land Registry by NPLAW on behalf of Scarning Parish Council. The Parish Clerk holds a copy of the signed and registered lease dated the 24th January 2014.

The Management Plan has to be reviewed yearly and submitted to BDC.-(next review before 24th January 2015). The Management Plan will be circulated to the SWMC members for comments and the responses collated.

4. Work on the Water Meadow Bridge by Contractors.

Breckland District Council has re-shingled the path and will arrange reseeding the bridge area as soon as this area is drier.

5. Update of the Work required on the Water Meadow.

- **Cutting of Fields.(late August)**
 - a. Rory Hart (15th Jan 2014).-provisional booked 23-24th July 2014. To be cancelled.
 - b. John Service (22nd Jan 2014). Machinery problems unable to cut the area.
 - c. Richard Fish- A quote required.
- **Disposal of Waste Cuttings.**

It was agreed that the removal of the Waste Cuttings stacked on the Water Meadow should be carried out by Mr Stephen Eagle at a cost of £180 per day. Initially one day was approved to estimate the time required to remove all the cuttings.
- **Scarning Conservation Volunteers (SCV)** –The timetable of work days that had been formulated to the end of March 2014.(8-9th Feb/1-2nd Mar/29-30th Mar 2014) has been very productive . Large areas of scrub was cleared and dead trees removed..
- **Projects/Equipment**
 - a. Small Play Area – (1) new 5 aside goal posts at £1780 including fitting and delivery and (2) reseeding, digging and fitting of matting at a cost of £435 - work will commence in the spring.

b. Large Play Area – Repositioning of the goal posts , reseeding the area and buying and laying rubber mats by Mansfield Fencing will also commence in the spring.

- **Machinery Functional Update.**

The Brushcutter has been repaired by Randells and is working well after a new design throttle was fitted.

The BCS has been delivered to Randells for repair as there are problems with the clutch.

The following spares have been bought from Tracmaster for the BCS at a cost of £102.36. - (Top Bar 38" (1), Blade (3) Rivet (20) Red Rev Handle (1).)

6. The Ownership of the Pond (Blackthorn Drive).

Further consideration to adding the Backthorn Drive Pond to the present lease will be given by the SWMC after work of removing unsafe trees has been completed by BDC .

7. Dredging of the Stream on the Scarning Water Meadow.

The stream is monitored by the Internal Drainage Board.(IDB).

8. Installation of Board-Walks.

To improve access to the Water Meadow consideration is being given to installing Board-Walks by using NCC Community Construction Fund .This will assist disabled or older people to enjoy this area.

A map/plan of potential routes followed by requests for quotes will be initiated.

9. Any Other Business.

Nil.

10 The date and time of the next meeting of the Scarning Water Meadow Sub Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1900hrs on 28th April 2014 in the Scarning Village Hall.