

**Minutes of a Meeting of Scarning Water Meadows  
Sub-committee held in the Scarning Village Hall at 1900hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013.**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr S Dalliston.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were agreed.

3. Update of the erection of the Sign at Lucy's Meadow.

The unveiling ceremony was held at 1430 hours on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 performed by Mr Gordon Bambridge –WVT Chairman.

Publicity for the event appeared in the local media with a report and a large photograph submitted by a committee member.

4. Work on the Water Meadow Bridge by Contractors.

After the work was completed on the bridge the grassed area on the large playing field was left in an unsuitable state.

At the meeting with BDC on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 the minutes recorded the following:  
“On completion of the work BDC stated they would make good the damaged area in consultation with SPC with the possibility of a new path being constructed going on to the playing field.”

This work has not been completed.

Action: Parish Clerk to request progress from BDC.

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

- Fields to be cut by contractor – It was agreed to await investigations into ecologic requirements. SF to speak with County Council's Environment Manager regarding the County Wildlife Site(CWS) Designation.
- Scarning Conservation Volunteers(SCV) –A timetable of work days has been formulated.
- Projects/Equipment
  - a.Keep fit equipment- serviceable.
  - b.Benches /Seating- prices and location of seats required.
  - c.Small Play Area- further prices required for Climbing Football Goal Posts and Ground Stabilizing Mesh and Safagrass Matting.

Action: Parish Clerk to obtain prices.

## 6. Repairs to Water Meadow Play Equipment.

The quote submitted by Mansfield Fencing Landscaping for the repair of play equipment on the Water Meadow was accepted.

## 7. Expenditure and Future Projects.

- Seats or benches along the stream footpath.
- Safety Grass matting for football goal areas. Small and large playing fields.
- New climbing style football goal posts.
- Weed control by spraying the large playing field.
- Information and publicity.- Leaflet with map showing designated walks and signs etc.
- Consultation and machinery running costs.

## 8. Training Courses.

It was agreed to fund two places on the Leadership/First Aid Course run by TCV Norwich on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Cost £25 plus vat per person.

This course will ensure that qualified leaders are used to run groups working on the Water Meadow in line with risk assessments and insurance requirements.

## 9. Machinery Update.

The Floatation Wheels for the BCS Mower have been received and will be fitted for the next work day on the Water Meadow.

The new Mitox 430U Brushcutter has been put to full use. This was bought at a reduced price from Randells after negotiations by Mr J Walker.

The Brushcutter has been listed on the SPC assets list.

## 10. Vandalism

The new sign at Lucy's meadow was sprayed with silver and black paint. This was reported to the police by Mr J Walker.

The paint has been removed from the sign and is in good order. SF thanked RW for removing the graffiti so quickly.

## 11. Any Other Business.

- a. Lease- Scarning Water Meadow Management Plan 2012.  
BDC have requested that a clause be written into the lease requiring the Parish Council to provide a written update on the Management Plan to Breckland on a yearly basis from the commencement date. This is due to the Management Plan being a live and working document.  
The committee agreed to this request.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 1900hrs on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in the Scarning Village Hall.