

Draft :Minutes

-Meeting of the Scarning Water Meadow Committee at 1900hrs on Tuesday 24th May 2011

Venue: Scarning Water Meadow.

Attending: Chaired by Reg'VaUon, Wend)' Brown, Stephen Faulkner, Janet Hamling, Anthony Horwell, Steve Dalliston (Wansum Valley Trust) and James Walker.

The Committee walked the area within the red boundaries on the Breckland Council Water Meadows map.

The following Areas of Concerned were mentioned:

It was an important issue to define the exact "party" responsible for the area between the two fences housing the tree line running west of the Scarning Housing Estate. Due to the management of trees and repair of fences.

Damaged fences across the whole area, maintenance of pathways, and dumped items in the swamp/tree alcove at the bottom of Blackthorn Way.

The damage to the bridge over the stream opposite Steward Way. The brickwork is eroding and gaps have formed where bricks have come away. This is on the down-side of the stream.

Varied tree management. On the tree line running the length of the estate some trees/bushes have been cut to a controlled height. Other areas have been left to nature and have grown to extreme heights which in the future could cause damage due to toppling from gales.

(This tree line has yet to have responsibility pin-pointed.)

Responsibility of repair.

A discussion by members lead by the advice of Steve Dalliston mentioned possible uses for Areas of the Scarning Water Meadow.

Grazing by Cattle. This would need fenced areas.

Controlled cutting of grasslands.

Controlled Wet Lands.

Controlled cutting of hedges and trees. c.

Installation of Bat Boxes etc.

f. Development of the area by sections. Possibly a five year management plan.

Requirements and Targets.

Arrange a meeting with Wansum VaHey Trust at their Offices. (Reg Walton to arrange.)

Produce a Draft ~management Plan - In preparation for meeting with Breckland Council.

Arrange meeting with Breckland Council after (b).

Prepare a Terms Of Reference for the Scarning Water Meadow Committee.