

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Woodland Committee Meeting 6.30pm 27th March 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs: - P Thirlwall (Chairperson), S Ellis, K Phillips, T Wallace, A Wright

In Attendance: Rachel Chico (Clerk), Brenda Roddis (Wood Warden), Graham Woodcock (Gorse Wardens),

243. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Postlethwaite, Paul Paddock and John Jackson

244. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of were approved.

245. To note matters arising from the meeting held on the 6th December 2016

Clarification for the planning application for the tree at the main entrance to Wickersley Wood. To Crown lift 2m above residents garage apex.

Planning application 2016/1231 for the 5 year planning agreement for works in Wickersley Wood granted conditionally.

246. To receive a budget update to 19th March 2017

246.1 The following financial report for the committee was noted:-

Woodland Committee - Financial Report - 31 March 2017	Budget 2016-17	Actual income / expenditure to 19th March 17	Committed income / expenditure	Total predicted inc/exp	Available to spend by 31 Mar 2017
	A	B	C	D=B+C	
CSS Annual Management Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sculpture Grant	£0.00	£2,664.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,664.00
Total Income	£0.00	£2,664.00	£0.00	£2,664.00	£2,664.00
Gorse - general	£2,500.00	£720.00	£0.00	£720.00	£1,780.00
Wood - general	£2,500.00	£570.41	£0.00	£570.41	£1,929.59
Wood - projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Wood & Gorse Wardens	£110.00	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00	£0.00
Common Bank Lease	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Woodland Committee Events	£1,652.00	£108.91	£170.00	£278.91	£1,373.09
Woodland Management Plans	£3,012.49	£3,001.51	£0.00	£3,001.51	£10.98
Coppicing	£3,000.00	£1,718.60	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
Pathway - 15/16 Underspend	£4,718.72	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£17,593.21	£4,510.83	£270.00	£4,780.83	£5,093.66
SURPLUS / -DEFECIT	£17,593.21	£1,846.83	£0.00	£2,116.83	£7,757.66

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Resolved : Cllr P Thirlwall to request a rollover budget at the next Parish Council meeting for the path, pruning and tree works awaiting planning and the sculptures.

247. To discuss matters relating to Wickersley Wood

247.1 Report from Ian Kennedy, Wharncliffe TWC

The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Ian Kennedy gave a verbal overview of the report. He highlighted the outstanding tree works and works which are exempt from planning requirements.

A discussion took place with regard to one area where the footpath is poor. Item to be raised for discussion at a future meeting.

Highlighted fencing repairs are being carried out by the handymen.

The coppicing work is complete.

Stump treatment has worked and work on the glade to resume in September.

247.2 Report from Brenda Roddis, Wood Warden

Brenda Roddis distributed her report to the committee. An additional fence post requiring works was identified – to be carried out by the handymen.

247.3 Overhanging Trees – Woodside Court

The resident is unable to attend the meetings of the Woodland Committee. Cllr P Thirlwall attended the site and inspected the issue which is minimal.

Resolved : To reply to resident the committee are happy for him to cut back any overhang of his boundary subject to being in accordance with British Standards and the prior approval of planning permission from RMBC.

247.4 Remedial tree works

Resolved : Remedial tree works agreed at a cost of £565 subject to planning approval.

248. To discuss matters relating to Wickersley Gorse

248.1 Report from Ian Kennedy, Wharncliffe TWC

The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Ian Kennedy gave a verbal overview of the report. He highlighted damage to a bird box and the development of bramble in grassed area which will require strimming during September.

Discussion took place with regard to a culvert for the bridge. To be designed like the one at Herringthorpe from corrugated sheeting. To be 2.5m with no handrail, drop to the bottom of the stream and backfill.

Resolved : The general approach was agreed. Chair to progress as far as possible and report to committee.

248.2 Report from the Gorse Wardens, Paul Paddock and Graham Woodcock

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There have been at least five large fires in the Gorse, mainly on the banking at the top path. Trees have also been sawn down. Silver containers are still being found and use by off-road motor bikes throughout the Gorse and surrounding areas.

The Clerk confirmed all items have been reported to the Police.

248.3 Report from John Jackson, RMBC

Not in attendance

248.4 Notifications of fires in Wickersley Gorse

As per item 248.2

248.5 Approval of Gorse Management Plan

Resolved : The Gorse Management Plan was approved.

249. Countryside Stewardship Grant

249.1 Higher Tier

Discussion took place with regard to values and application process. Noted

249.2 Woodland Management Plan Grant

Resolved : To submit a formal complaint

250. Nitrate Vulnerable Zone – Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

Noted

251. To discuss the events schedule for 2017

251.1 Sculpture in Wickersley Wood

The Clerk distributed the costings and ideas for several of the sculptures.

Resolved : To proceed with Lorraine Botterill for the chair, fox and rabbits at a cost of £2350. The welcome sign and owl needs to be larger than the contract is able to do – to be re-considered. Two further sculptures of a woodpecker and squirrel. All sculptures to be asked if they are able to attend the gala. Event to take place to walk around the sculptures once complete.

252. To note meeting dates for 2017

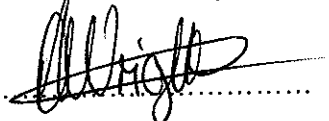
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The meeting was closed at 7.55pm

Chairperson.....



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