

## Minutes/Action Note

### Meeting of Seaming Water Meadows Sub-Group Seaming Parish Council (SPC)

9 February 2012 - 7PM Assembly Rooms, Dereham

#### Attendees:

Reg Walton (Chair of Sub Group -  
SPC);

Vendy Brown; (SPC)

Stephen Faulkner (SPC)

Janet Hamling (SPC);

Steve Dalliston (Wensum Valley Trust  
NVT)

1. Apologies - James Walker and Anthony Harwell (SPC)
2. Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting dated 5 December 2011 - These were agreed Action
3. Closure of WVT - Implications
  - 3.1. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the implications for the future management and stewardship of the Seaming Water Meadows (SWM) following the announcement that the WVT will no longer be operating from 1 April 2012.
  - 3.2. SO confirmed that the WVT would be operating up to the end of March 2012.
  - 3.3. The following issues were discussed agreed:
    - 3.4. (a) Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Parish Council's Seaming Water Meadows Sub-Group - it was agreed that the Sub-Group should continue. However, it was agreed that the reference to the WVT should be taken out of the ToR (under paragraph 5) and replaced with reference to "volunteer groups." SF to update ToR. SF
    - 3.5. (b) Setting up of new Conservation Group - there was discussion about the setting up of a new volunteer conservation group specifically to manage the SWM. The Group would be a separate group to the Parish Council, although it was envisaged that the Group would work closely with the Parish Council and seek appropriate funding from SPC for necessary projects associated with the Management and nature conservation of the area.
    - 3.6. It was agreed that WB and RW would lead on setting up the new Volunteer Group (Seaming Conservation Volunteers). WB would speak to the Parish Clerk about raising awareness of the new Group and put an item in the Seaming newsletter (Le. with contact WE details for anyone interested in volunteering).

3.7. The new Group would also seek potential funding from the British WB/RW Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV).

3.8. It was agreed that SF would speak to his colleagues in the County SF Council to see what funding and assistance might be available.

3.9. (e) Further Actions - It was agreed that SD would circulate to the Sub-Committee Members the draft Nature Conservation Management Plan covering the Seaming Meadows. SO would also forward his list of contacts with local groups etc (e.g. Contacts SO at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust; other local volunteer Groups; County and District officers and the BTCV).

#### 4. Lease with Breckland DC-

4.1. RW confirmed that he had heard from Breckland DC that the lease for SWM was nearing completion (i.e. being drawn up by SDC). It was suggested that any lease will need very careful consideration and it was agreed that SPC should seek advice from the Norfolk Association of Local Council (NALC - Sue Lake). It was agreed that SF would contact Sue to clarify what legal assistance we could expect from NALC.

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4.2. Meeting on the management of the Water Meadows finished at aPM

#### 5. Further items discussed-

5.1. There was discussion about the proposed new Information boards.

5.2. The following were agreed:

- a. Notice board structure - to use recycled plastic;
- b. The pictures on the notice board would be flat not upright; and
- c. SD would seek prices from printing companies for initially a notice board on Lucy's Meadow.