

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scarning Water Meadow Sub Committee held on the Scarning Water Meadow at 1900hours 12th July 2012.

Present. M R C Walton, Mrs W Brown, Mr S Faulkner, Mrs J Hamling, Mr J Walker and Mr R.Braysher.(SCV).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr A Horwell

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2012 were agreed.

3. Area and Footpath by the Stream/Bridge North East of the Playing Field.

- a. The under brickwork of the bridge is missing in places and mortar is being washed away from other brickwork.
- b. The main footpath running from Blackthorn Drive to the school has had in places the top layer of gravel worn/washed away especially around the bridge area.
- c. The footpath leading from the bridge to the playing field has become dangerous due to the uneven slope caused by constant use and the stream overflowing and washing over the banks and bridge.

Action: Scarning Council Clerk requested to write to Breckland District Council to report the above findings and ask that the District Council carry out appropriate maintenance on safety grounds.

4. Lease Update.

The SWMSC having read the lease produce by BDC have unanimously rejected its contents. This decision will be put to the SPC at the next meeting. The lease reflects the condition and restrictions drawn up to cover a property not a conservation area.

5. Scarning Water Meadow Management Plan Update.

The SWM Management Plan has been agreed to be adopted by the SWMC.

Action: The SWM Management Plan is being presented at the next SPC Meeting to be approved by the full council.

Further Action: If the Lease is rejected and the SWM Management Plan is approved by the SPC it is requested that the SPC Clerk writes to BDC requesting that a new Lease be produce with the Management Plan reflected in the content.

The SWMC will assist the Parish Clerk in the reasons for the Lease Rejection.

6. Interpretation Board for Lucy's Meadow Update.

Authority was requested from BDC to erect the Board. Due to the Board being a permanent fixture further checks by BDC were being carried out.

Action: Request that SPC Clerk contact BDC for an update.

7. View Scarning Water Meadow for Priority Maintenance.

(a). Main Playing Field.

The main Playing Field has a large amount of weeds within the grass content.

Action. Ask SPC Clerk if there is a weed control contract in existence.

(b). Meadow Cutting.

The Hawk and Owl Trust has offered the hire of their baler to cut the Meadow.

Action: Mr J Walker offered to contact the Hawk and Owl trust to arrange a site survey with view to hire the baler.

(c). Small Football Pitch.

The small Football Pitch requires essential maintenance in both goal mouth areas. – remove exposed bricks and re-seed .

Action: Request maintenance through SPC Clerk.

It was agreed to consider putting in a path along side the west side of the small football pitch (west) and installing gates to the pitch area.

Action: Clerk to get quotes for the works after discussion with councillors.

Dog Fouling.

It was observed that due to the amount of dog walkers entering the meadow from Steward Way it would be beneficial to have a Breckland Council metal dog fouling sign on the fence at the entrance to the Water Meadow from Steward Way.

Action: Request SPC Clerk to write to BDC requesting sign.

Meeting closed at 1950 hours.