

Minutes of the Meeting of Members of the Scarning Water Meadows Sub Committee.

Scarning Village Hall

At 1900hrs on Monday 19th September 2011

Present: Wendy Brown (SPC), Reg Walton (SPC), Stephen Faulkner (SPC), Janet Hamling (SPC), Anthony Horwell (SPC), Steve Dalliston (WVT), James Walker, Ali Walker.

1. Apologies: All Members present. Action

2. Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held at Breckland District Council on 25th August 2011.

The Minutes were confirmed after a short discussion with Members who did not attend to ensure clarity of the proposed areas to be leased from Breckland District Council.

Action still required by Scarning Water Meadow Committee:

To inform Breckland District Council of the addresses of properties that encroaches onto the Water Meadow.

Reg Walton to Email list to Nick Hartley for onward transmission

3. Identify the Priority of Work required on the Scarning Water Meadow:

a. *Lucy's Meadow*: to establish two scrapes

Steve Dalliston to liaison with Norfolk Internal Drainage Board for possible assistance.

Information Boards - identifying species and work being carried out. Boards are used by other organisations on other projects encouraging people to take an interest and increase volunteers.

Steve Dalliston said he would find prices etc.

b. *Blackthorn Drive Pond Area*.

Work required: Strim, fell small trees, general cleaning and establish pond area. Then plant native plants to encourage wildlife.

Wensum Valley Trust has given a quote for this work but Steve Dalliston had also liaised with the Probation Service whose charges would only be for toilet facilities. There is a two month waiting list for Probation Service use.

Steve Dalliston to continue talks with the Probation Service for a start date.

c. *Middle Section of Scarning Water Meadow.*

The Middle Section of the SWM has not been cut for a number of years and now requires this work carried out.

James Walker said he would enquire with local farmers etc.

4. Finances to cover work on the Scarning Water Meadow.

a. Invoices for work/supervision to be submitted to Scarning Parish Council to be approved at SPC Meetings.

Steve Dalliston send to Nick Hartley.

b. Produce a realistic budget to cover the financial year.

(Costs would vary over the year as less work would be carried out in winter.)

Steve Dalliston with assistance from Committee.

It was agreed to look at the possibility of training volunteers as Leaders to save money. This would possibly involve potential leaders being trained in first aid and other skills.

Steve Dalliston looking at the training required.

5. Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs) – S.Faulkner queried whether there was merit in getting the Scarning Water Meadow designated as an NIA. It was agreed that the WVT would look into the possibility of such a designation and the potential benefits.

Steve Dalliston to investigate.