

DARESBURY PARISH PLAN – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN DARESBURY PARISH ROOMS ON MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2007

Present: Lyn Goodkin (Chair)
Alan Goodkin
Mervyn Hogan
Sarah Hogan
Ian Brittain
Eleanor Brittain
Kathy Ireland

Apologies: Ian Ireland, Wendy Harding, Roland Harbron

DARESBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Lyn read out details of an e-mail from Roland Harbron. Apparently Minutes from the meetings are to be sent to him and any applications for money from DPC have to be presented formally. The Clerk to the Council is not happy with all the Minutes being sent to him. We also have to inform Roland formally if there is anything we want to go on the DPC Agenda.

TREE PLANTING

Lyn and Alan are going to sort out Grid References for where exactly the trees are to be planted.

We need to approach Chris Marsh regarding permission for a hedge on the land around the silage bags and the land opposite. HBC need to be approached regarding planting on the A56 (John White is the 'tree man' at HBC). Elaine Whitlow is talking to the farmers and the National Trust need to be approached re the Lewis Carroll site.

The trees chosen are:

Oak, Crab Apple, Rowan, Silver Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn, Guelder Rose, Spindle Tree, Field Maple and Scots Pine.

It was suggested that we ask Chris Marsh if it would be possible to let the hedges grow taller/wider in the area at the back of the village, and also if the land near the school, which is no longer 'set aside' could be used for the village school children and the community as a nature/wild life reserve.

Lyn is going to ask Cheshire Wildlife Trust if there are any particular trees that are better at encouraging wild life/birds etc than others.

Lyn also reminded us that we have some primroses on offer which we all agreed would be nice planted in the churchyard area. David Felix would have to be approached.

NATURE RESERVE

We all agreed that the plan was agreeable with the exceptions mentioned in an e-mail to Paul Oldfield. These were:

No towpath link – in case of vandalism

The bench to be sited just beyond the pond

No link from the informal path to the towpath

No bridge over brook – again due to possible vandalism

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that as Chris Marsh of Daresbury Properties and Paul Oldfield worked 'office hours', it would be suggested to them that a meeting take place during their working hours if that would be easier for them. Some of the committee are retired and therefore can make a meeting during the day.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This would be decided once Chris Marsh and Paul Oldfield had been contacted to see if they would meet members of the committee.

ACTION

To contact:

CHRIS MARSH - re the points raised above and whether a meeting during the day would be preferable

PAUL OLDFIELD - as above

NATIONAL TRUST - re Lewis Carroll Birthplace site

DAVID FELIX - re primroses to be planted

HBC – re permission to plant trees on A56