



## **MINUTES of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Crown Hotel, Colne**

1. **PRESENT:** Paul Clough; Paul Rawson; David Penney
2. **APOLOGIES:** Peter Smith, Helen Holmes, Lee Johnson
3. **MINUTES** of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were accepted; Review of AGM Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were considered
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - Management Plan Review will now take place in 2018
  - Paul will carry out interim review of state of LNR with photographic evidence in order to set priorities for action
  - These should include the following actions subject to agreement by Lee Johnson:
    - A. Strimming of overgrown areas which are stifling appropriate growth ;
    - B. Tree Thinning and clearing of undergrowth
    - C. Pond Clearance (upper and lower)
    - D. Sustained control and eradication of invasive species & weeds such as Himalayan balsam, water drop wart, (rag wart, Japanese knot weed if any), as well as nettles, brambles, particularly along side of the mill race and the top path which are choking natural growth
    - E. Cut back brambles, Himalayan balsam and nettles along either side of power path by river
    - F. The River looks healthy with trout and wild life along banks; egret has been spotted; no sign of destructive mink
5. **FINANCE:**
  - Balance still stands at £379.82 with £1,010 PEN monies in Pendle Borough Council Account.
  - 4 Receipts submitted to Treasurer for £28.19
  - Result of Tesco bid for monies from Plastic Bag fund should be known by end of July
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
  - Strimmer needs repair – DP to take it to gmm for servicing
  - Wooden border needed along the bottom of the fence in car park; railings needed on footpath opposite wildflower bed
  - Potential obstruction of footpath through dog pound area not an issue as it is not a designated footpath; official footpath from this land on to the canal was redirected by the Council
  - Maintenance of millennium woodland between canal and road on Begley's land as well as clearance of rubbish needs doing
  - Nelson & Colne College – Paul said their may be opportunities to work with college building bird/bat boxes as well as students to work on the Reserve.
  - Pendle LNR SG is writing to MP to ask that the Government to incorporate EU Environmental Regulations into UK Law as well review its support for fracking in the light of inadequate regulations which would make it dangerous and unsafe.
7. **DATES OF MEETINGS:**
  - Working Parties from 10am – 12noon on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays in month – 5<sup>th</sup> August; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept; 7<sup>th</sup> October
  - FOG LNR Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7.15pm in the Dining Room, Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne