



MINUTES

FOG LNR Executive Meeting Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne

1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes, Paul Rawson, David Penney

2. APOLOGIES: Paul Clough, Lee Johnson, Peter Smith

The Chair commented at the low turn out of the group and questioned its sustainability – more volunteers are needed.

3. MINUTES of 11th July 2017 were accepted as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- 3 volunteers turned up for Working Party on Sat 7th October even though it had been cancelled – apologies for unclear communications with members which may have also led to confusion over whether this meeting was also cancelled.
- Paul C was gathering visual evidence from Reserve which will be fed into the Management Review in 2018.
- The Pond needs urgent attention as well as renewal of broken fencing and rails.
- The bench on bottom path has been repaired at a cost of £23.14 for the planks from Lanlee
- Paul R reported on state of Reserve: reduced presence of fungi, a lot of undergrowth stifling growth, some balsam has been uprooted before flowering, noted a buzzard and heron as well as a number of crows attacking ducklings, not much litter apart from some items still in the river. His main concern was the growing amount of deadly water dropwort along the mill race and the bank side above it – this should be eradicated as it is very poisonous.
- ggm had repaired the strimmer for free on 2 occasions.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Expenses: David has been paid £28.19 for 4 receipted items, leaving a Balance of £351.63 with £1,010 in PEN Account lodged with Pendle BC.
- Grant Application – Peter has been successful in applying for £2,000 from the Tesco Bag Fund subject to involving the community, which should benefit from grant.
- David submitted a Lanlee Planking Receipt for £23.14 which he has paid.

6. WORK PROGRAMME:

- Project using the Tesco Bag Grant – Paul C is in negotiations with the College to involve students in the project
- As well as work mentioned in Matters Arising, bat boxes need to be erected and thinning out of woodland is required as well as further clearance of debris in river.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- David has submitted a Tree Charter to Pendle LNR SG with a recommendation that Pendle BC should adopt it.
- As time and help allows, we will approach Farmer Begley to see if we can clear rubbish and manage tree plantation on his land between Canal and Road.
- Pendle LNR SG has written to Council to ensure that matters of Biodiversity and the Green Infrastructure are adequately and legally addressed in the development of the Local Plan under the 2008 NERC Act and Biodiversity 2020 Strategy.
- As there is a lot of undergrowth to clear, it was decided to purchase a more powerful brush cutter strimmer from ggm using PEN funding allocated to Greenfield LNR – Husqvarna 135R at a 10% discounted total price of £495 inclusive of VAT – David to requisition a cheque to ggm from Council.
- There will be a Working Party on Sat 4th November from 10 am to 12 noon – David gives his apologies.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.15 pm in Crown Hotel, Colne
