

## WAINGROVES COMMUNITY WOODLAND TRUST

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Thorn Tree : 26 April 2017 7.30 pm

### **Persons Present**

Spencer Stanway ( President ) HT Rob Vane ( Chairman )  
Paul Cox ( Treasurer ) HT Craig Plunket ( Business Advisor )  
Andy Hall ( Secretary ) Dave Pountain ( Lottery ) HT  
Shaun Walters ( Conservation ) Sam Vane ( Fund Raising Coordinator ) Shirley Bailey  
Roger Vane Rob Eyres Richard Bott

### **Apologies**

John Stamp HT Tom Strickland Amy Bradley Tony Blount Andy Hall Phil Woodman  
Rob Hodgson Chris Emmas-Williams Margret Chamberlain  
Peter Chamberlain

### **Minutes of the last Meeting ( Matters Arising ):**

The Annual report has now been sent out. The date of the next meeting was wrong the date is 31<sup>st</sup> May.  
It was proposed by CP and seconded by SB that the Minutes be accepted.

### **MICRO MEETING UPDATE**

SW asked that Steve Freeborn be sent a letter of thanks for all his help with the water issue, everybody agreed

### **Dog Poo Leaflet**

RV will make some poster to go up in the Woodland.

### **CONSERVATION / NATURE REPORT**

April has seen the arrival of the summer migrants with the sound of birds like Chiffchaff's, Willow warblers and Black caps filling the Woodland with their songs as they compete for territories and mates, by the end of the month many of these will be sitting eggs or raising young so extra care must be taken when any work is underway in the Woodland, "Remember that many of these nest in bramble, hedgerows and scrub!"

The 1<sup>st</sup> of the summer swallow's arrived back on April 16<sup>th</sup>, this was around a week later than last year probably due to the unfavorable wind direction that we have had this year.

Really pleased to see a pair of willow tits calling and displaying well around the bottom of Strelley wood, hopefully these will be nesting in the area, possibly around the garages where there is lots of old Elder and scrub!  
Some excellent use of the brush from the recent wind fall trees to create the new habitat piles around the peace plantation, "Well done to the Monday group" these habitat piles are great for the wildlife such as insects, mice, voles and the rarely seen shrew's, strange little creature that are more closely related to moles than mice and when attacked give off a foul tasting fluid that deters predators.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at controlling the water flowing through Strelley looks to have worked well with the dam raising and holding the water level, hopefully this should now stabilize the area.

Excellent results from the latest meeting with Forterra and Derbyshire County Council regarding the water flow through Strelley.

Superb Easter nature trail with a estimated 170-200 people in attendance! Some great scores on the woodland wildlife quiz with many getting 14 or more correct; the winning team had 18.5 points out of a possible 20, "some

good wildlife knowledge out there” Huge thanks to the Rabbit and Fox for their energy and enthusiasm entertaining the children “of all ages” throughout the day and into the evening!/  
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April saw the start of our 1<sup>st</sup> Butterfly transect season and the warm weather on the 9<sup>th</sup> made for a excellent early season count of 36 butterflies and 8 different species with Orange tips and Green veined whites making up the highest proportion of the sightings, The transect walks will continue throughout spring and summer until the end of September and will mainly be on Sunday afternoons weather permitting. Anyone wishing to join us for these would be very welcome.

Proposed solution to the Wetland Ochre issue

Iron rich water infill to be capped and diverted to a settlement sump before discharging into the Reed bed, the sump will be a plastic water tank or barrel that can be easily cleaned and located next to the bank for easy access. It is hoped that the clear water from the top side of the boardwalk will maintain the water level in the dammed area! The wooden dam is to be covered with clay/mud and planted with willow to create a living barrier and wildlife habitat.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Pcox gave the following movements in funds since the last meeting:

#### **BANK CASH TOTAL**

Opening Balance Bank £9676.38p Cash £18.71

Income

Donations £34.04, £60, £10, £70, £4.28, £100

Log Sales

Lottery

Total income Bank! £104.04p Cash £174.28p

Expenditure

Lottery £80

Scott Beardsley 12 posts £40

Fox Costum £27.99p

Crème eggs (80) £28.80p

Romac (paint) £57.99p

Frank Key – soil & compost £71.34p

Balance Carried Forward £9667.29p

#### **Next Month Free Cash**

Minimum Reserve 3000

Tent 1000

DCC Grant 1000

Lottery 640

Free Cash 5640

### **SECRETARYS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **LOTTERY REPORT**

The winners for April are:

Apr-17	Prize	Number	Name
1st	£30	272	C Pawley
2nd	£20	263	Sarah Winfield
3rd	£10	182	Tony Gration
r1	£5	106	Tony Gration
r2	£5	91	Duncan Hutchinson
r3	£5	208	Hannah Johnson
r4	£5	233	Eric Longdon

## **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOR**

There is a concern that somebody is shooting a 22 bullet gun – a fox has been found shot, John said that no one has permission to shoot on his land.

There had been a fire at the top of Whitley against a tree and it has burnt some of the tree. (suspected kids)

## **SATETY MANAGEMENT**

Another walk round is needed, sometime in the middle of June, this will be moved to a sub group.

Rob to spray the knotweed

## **FUND RAISING REPORT / EVENTS ( INC FIREWOOD )**

The stall we had for the easter event raised £100.90, SV thanked the people who dropped raffle prizes off.

Waingroves School have asked if we are interested in having a stall at their Spring fair, SV said she can sort everything for the stall but is busy that day so is there anyone who can volunteer to do shifts on the stall?

Pictures have been taken of the items people have made for the woodland to sell so SV and RV will start putting them on the woodland shop.

We are still collecting ink cartridges and stamps and cloths

## **Easter "Egg"stravaganza**

The Easter Nature Trail was very well attend with between 170/200 people.

It has been suggested that for next year and any other events we have the donation buckets out.

## **Seafish**

RV and SV attended a presentation at seafish to collect the cheque.

Dawn Corus – Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Start 6.00am. BBQ in woods afterwards.

Teddy Bear's Picnic 17<sup>th</sup> June

Pinxton puppets is booked up so we need to find a entertainer, Pixie Faces is booked, Sophie has said that she will dress as the teddy bear.

Folk in the wood

This is 8<sup>th</sup> July 1pm – 5pm, SW has 4 bands arranged so far, Steve Cresswell has offered to do the PA and sound free of charge, RV to sort the temporary events notice.

Ferret Racing is 15<sup>th</sup> July, we need somebody to take the bets etc. so if anybody is interested please let RV know.

**MONDAY GROUP ROLLING WORK PLAN**

Storm damage cleared. Chippings, hedges, etc.  
Extra posts required in Strelly - RogV

**SATURDAYGROUP ROLLING WORK PLAN**

Next meeting 20 May 9.30am

**NEWSLETTER / WEB SITE / FACEBOOK**

The Newsletter is no longer produced. We have a 1008 followers on Facebook. Points of interest to RV for web site.

**RADIOS**

Funding application in but might not receive in time. £3000 required but hire kit for Show.

**COMMUNITY DEFIB UNIT**

Chapel have given permission. Details to AB

**WATER ISSUE AT THE HALL**

See Micro meeting update.

**ID CARDS / DBS CHECKS AND FIRST AID**

ID cards have been received. DBS checks are in hand. First Aid course for Monday Group on 27 November. 2 day course still being organised.

**WOODLAND SHOP**

In hand

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**A Job for the Woodland**

SW and RV talked to Steve Freeborne. Council taking on Codnor Common. Need the water monitoring. Approx 1 hour per week at £100 per month. The Brief is still to come but we would be interested.

**CP – 25th Anniversary**

Will be in pub on 6 May should anyone wish to join him.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 31 May 2017