

Minutes of the 11th Staveley Nature Reserve Liaison Group meeting held at the Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall on November 4th 2014.

1. Group members present

Dorothy Griffin (chairman)
Ken Barker
Jenny Hayward (YWT)
Bill Kirkpatrick
Lynne Manby (Parish Council)
Margaret Stringer

Apologies John Thornton

2. Observers

One village resident present.

Should any resident wish to contact the Liaison Group please email:
Snr-lg@staveley-yorks.org.uk or contact a member directly.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on July 29th 2014

The minutes were accepted.

4. There were no additional registrations of conflict of interest.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting.

a) Reserve signs on village green

The group considered alternative draft signs previously circulated. A vote was taken on whether a wording including “14 spaces for visitors to the reserve only” should be included and was passed in favour of this.

A final draft will now be sent to the PC for their consideration.

Action JH

b) Minskip Road car park.

DG and JT have been monitoring the car park and have not seen more than 17 cars there at any one time. There seem to be rarely over 14 there. KB has seen more than this on one occasion since the last meeting. JH suggested KB should ring the police (on 101) if he has any concerns about behaviour in the car park. Even if the police were unable to come or were slow in arriving the calls would be noted and a record kept. YWT are looking at marking out the parking spaces in some way.

The pub has placed boards near the car park. No permission was sought for this. JH has given approval for pub menus to be displayed in the Church Hide.

c) Dogs and aggressive and intimidatory behaviour by YWT volunteers.

Following the discussion at the last PC meeting JH has now obtained written statements from the parties involved. Their descriptions of

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problem.

incident differ. JH has asked the Reserve volunteer involved not to speak to visitors on this subject in order to avoid escalation of the problem.

and
police

JH also affirmed that YWT request dog owners keep their dogs on the lead throughout the Reserve – including on public rights of way – have the right to insist on this. She is meeting with the community officer – Sue Brookes – at the end of November.

LM reported that she had recently found Reserve volunteers particularly helpful and friendly when walking there with her dog on the lead. JH again offered to meet residents at a village meeting should the PC request this.

6. YWT progress report

Work continues well.

The hedge cutting has been completed. The rushes have been flailed. More trees have been removed at the lake head to open up the view of the lake. The practical workday programme continues.

7. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

8. YWT –future plans

which
boundaries.
managing the
which may also
discussed plans with the
able to consider where
costings and fund raising undertaken.

JH has secured a £10,000 grant for a feasibility study for the restoration of the Tutt. Middlemarch Environmental are to undertake the study which includes land along the Tutt above and below the Reserve

This will include looking at improving the habitat for fish - weirs, the addition of meanders to the water course etc.

diminish the flood risk to Boroughbridge. JH has

I.D.B. Following their report YWT will be improvements can be made and

JH has agreed with the school that the children will help with the planting out of wildflower seedlings project on April 21st next year.

9. Events in the area

None noted

10. Communication with the parish

HQ.
contact "The

2 further walks are planned through the reserve on January 12th and February 24th. As before these should be booked through the YWT BK to advertise these in the Knaresborough Post and DG to Link"

11. A.O.B.

considered

BK asked whether it was in our constitution to allow residents to speak at the meetings. DG confirmed that it was not but that it would be if the PC requested it.

12.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Staveley and Copgrove Village Hall on January 27th 2015.