

**Minutes of the 21st Staveley Nature Reserve Liaison Group held in
Staveley & Copgrove Village Hall on Nov 7th 2017 at 7.00pm.**

1. Group members present:

Dorothy Griffin (Chairman)
James Searle (YWT)
Ken Barker
Bill Kirkpatrick
John Thornton

```` **Apologies were received from:**

Kevin Atkinson  
Margaret Stringer

**2. One village resident present as observer**

**3. Minutes of the last meeting – July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

These were accepted as an accurate record.

**4. Registration of interest**

DG and JT registered their interest as members of YWT.

**5. Matters arising from previous meeting**

a) Footpath Signage

Signs have been placed at strategic points to clearly indicate footpaths giving entry to the Reserve.

b) Workshops and Courses

YWT are in the process of identifying a volunteer who will have the specific responsibility for organising Workshops and Courses on the Reserve. Two suitable candidates have been identified from which one would be selected.

Topics for consideration were :-

- Grass identification
- Wildflower identification
- Dawn Chorus walk
- Fungi
- Photography
- Pond Dipping
- Animal tracks and signs
- Bird Identification

It was felt that the nominated person should be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss ideas.

*Action JS*

c) Community Orchard

An article about the Orchard had appeared in Link magazine explaining that fruit was available for the public.

YWT had obtained funding from Allerton Park Landscape & Cultural Heritage Fund (APLCH) to the amount of £10k. This would be used to acquire and site a container for the safe storage of tools and equipment necessary for managing the Orchard

d) Royal Oak

The new Landlady has not been officially approached regarding overflow parking  
*Action KA*

e) Youth Club Walk

KB reported that this had been held and was enjoyed by all 12 who attended.

f) RSPB

DG reported that she had contacted RSPB regarding silhouette transfers to apply to the bus stop. These are available at £4.99 and BK agreed to ask the Parish Council if they would purchase them on behalf of the Committee.

*Action BK*

**6. YWT Progress Report**

JS reported :-

- A legacy was being used to buy the materials to manufacture Tern Rafts.
- All cattle in the reserve had been switched to Highland Cattle
- Rush topping had been carried out on the field behind the east lagoon
- General hedge cutting continued and the meadow had been cut.

**7. Chairman's Report**

DG reported that she had been told that some walkers were confused about which way to turn to the car park as they left the woods at the Minskip Road exit. She requested that a sign be erected to clearly indicate the route to the car park.

*Action JS*

**8. Parish Council Report**

Nothing to report.

**9. YWT future plans for SNR**

A bid has been submitted to APLCH to seek funding for improving the access to the Reserve ie. To repair roads and paths. It was suggested that YWT might want to consider improving handicap access to east lagoon lake hides.

*Action JS*

**10. Future Events in the Area**

Staveley Stampede 2018 will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**11. Minskip Road housing development**

The developers had spoken with YWT who had stressed their concern about waste and sewerage (main issue), impact on car parking and the likely impact on wildlife (not least the massive increase in cats and dogs that were likely). A Conservation Officer had been appointed to deal with this and DG stressed the importance of keeping communication open through the Staveley Residents Action Group

**12. Communications with Parish**

There have been increased reports of dogs not on leads in the reserve. BK will remind residents through the Knaresborough Post and DG through Link, that Dogs must be kept on a lead in the Reserve

*Action DG/BK*

Further notices to be put in Reserve

*Action JS*

**13. AOB**

No other business

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Village Hall (TBC)