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SECOND MEETING.P.D.P.

MINUTES OF GROUP 3 MEETING HELD AT THE MOUNT

THURSDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.00PM

Chair: Councillor Ralf Dahm

Persons present: Brian Cross, Mavis Jeffery, Chris Swain.

AGENDA 1.

Ralf opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>. This was given.

AGENDA 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. The questions and answers. These were sent out by Chris on Facebook and by Mavis to 16 homes, randomly chosen, which may or may not connect to Facebook. There were 3 replies from Facebook, one of which was sent as an e mail to Mrs Jane Vann strongly objecting to village business being made public in this way. We discussed this and could not understand the strength of this objection in this digital age. From the 16 hard copies sent out Mavis received 11 replies which was a return of 68% . It was decided that in future, should we need to ask questions of the village in general, all homes would receive a hard copy, Facebook could be used, and a copy must also be placed on the village noticeboard.
2. Evidence. Mavis has approached one villager about pictorial evidence for the plan but we are still interested in finding persons able to help with this.

AGENDA 3. DISTRIBUTION OF READING MATTER.

We each received copies of:-

1. The Shearsby Conservation Statement which can be found on line. Just Google the question, "Why is Shearsby a Conservation Area."
2. Part of Harborough District's Local Plan which applies to Shearsby, particularly extracts from Policy CS17.

AGENDA 4. D.E.F.R.A. DEVELOPMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT,FOOD AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.

During the week Mavis had spoken at length with John and Nora Burton and learned about D.E.F.R.A.'S Natural England Project. Nora had written down the aims and objectives of this project at entry level, and copies of this were handed out.

The Burton's have five fields protected in this scheme, which requires no artificial fertilizers and aims to protect wild flowers and wild life. They gave an indication that Willowbrook Farm also has fields in this scheme but at a higher level, and Ralf will approach the Mr and Mrs Barnacle regarding this and report to next week's meeting.

We all felt it would be helpful to the plan if we could identify these fields on our map as one of our aims is to preserve the pasture land left within the conservation area and other areas immediately outside.

#### AGENDA 5. ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS SENT OUT LAST WEEK.

Each question was discussed in turn. Every answer was read out and discussed and Mavis was asked to draft each into a paragraph. These are to be sent out to Ralf, Brian and Chris for comment and correction and returned to Mavis so that we can use updated copies at our next meeting.

#### AGENDA 6. GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT TREES, AND AVAILABLE SPACE.

A discussion about replacing more trees and planting more trees led to the landlocked acre of land which is for sale behind Ashbrook House being raised. This land is accessible by footpath and includes Bear's Hole where the village children used to play. We suggested that the village might be able to buy it to further develop it as wild woodland. Chris is to look into the price etc and report next week.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held at The Mount on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

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