

Burton Plantation Management Committee meeting minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Plantation Management Committee held at the Pavilion, Towles Fields, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Cllr W Best, Mr P Birkinshaw, Cllr L Cooper, Mrs E Dunn, and Mrs S Massey (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr A Carr, Mr A Wilson, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs C Thomson (Heritage Warden)

76/19 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept the apologies of Cllr A Carr, Mr A Wilson, Mrs J Wilson, and Mrs C Thomson.

77/19 Disclosures of interests; disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests or personal interests that may lead to bias, to items on the agenda.

None.

78/19 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Resolved: To approve and sign the above minutes.

79/19 To receive the completed Plantation safety review checklists and agree any action required.

Plantation safety review checklists were received for February and March 2020.

Resolved: The reports were received and filed electronically.

80/19 To receive the monthly tree check.

Resolved: This item is now included under the Plantation safety review checklist.

81/19 To receive an update on the Long Term Plan.

Resolved: To defer this item to the May meeting.

82/19 To receive an update on the autumn planting and soil testing.

Resolved: To defer this item to the September meeting.

83/19 To assign responsibility for carrying out the monthly tree safety checks.

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr Best will carry out the check in May, LD in July and PB in August.

84/19 To receive the inspection of the trees along the school boundary and agree any action.

Resolved: To add this this action to the tasks for the mid-March volunteer sessions and carry forward annually.

85/19 To review the asset register (to coincide with audit).

Resolved: That this will be carried out on 5th April 2020.

86/19 To receive an update on recent tree felling.

This work was carried out on 20th February 2020.

87/19 To receive an update on the repair of the bridges.

Due to unprecedented rainfall, this project has not been completed.

Resolved: That the clerk will contact the contractor to obtain a firm date for completion.

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- 88/19 To discuss options for border forks and approve expenditure of up to £80 for replacement.
Resolved: To approve expenditure of up to £80.
- 89/19 To arrange one or more log sales and discuss the implications of the Government Clean Air Strategy for our wet log sales from February 2021.
From February 2021 we are unable to sell loads less than 2 cubic metres of wet logs. The clerk will look into alternative options and report back to the next meeting.
Resolved: To hold a log sale from 1 p.m. on Sunday 5th April 2020.
- 90/19 To discuss the maintenance of the paths in light of the recent weather conditions.
Cllr Cooper suggested that gravel is laid in the worst affected areas of the footpaths.
Resolved: PB will obtain prices and report back to the next meeting.
- 91/19 To arrange a date for the July site visit.
Resolved: That the July site visit will take place on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
- 92/19 To discuss how the Plantation would like to participate at the PFA 50th Anniversary event on 5th July.
Resolved: To defer this until the May meeting.
- 93/19 To receive an update on potential grant funding.
Resolved: PB will contact EMA and report back to the next meeting.
- 94/19 To discuss the administration of the Plantation Facebook page.
CT reported that the name of the public Facebook group changed in July 2019 to 'Burton on the Wolds woods (Fishpond Plantation)'. Discussion followed but unfortunately no one was in a position to take the administration of this page.
- 95/19 To agree the tasks and roles for volunteer's days before the next meeting.
Resolved: That Cllr Cooper will update and distribute by email.
- 96/19 Financial update.
The Clerk reported that Plantation funds totals £1,618.91 plus approved spending of £1,213.65, total £2,832.56.
- 97/19 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Plantation Management Committee.
The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 19th May 2020.

The meeting closed at 12.04 p.m.

These minutes are a true and accurate record:

Plantation Committee Chairman

Date