

NOTES OF HOLME PARK QUARRY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WED 14th OCT 09 AT THE CLAWTHORPE HALL
BUSINESS CENTRE

Present: Judy Palmer (JAP), Steve Rigby (SR), Dan Jackson (DJ), Ann Dale (AD), Reg Hesketh (RH), Kath Unsworth (KU), Peter Smih (PS), Kathryn Smith (KS) . **In Attendance:** Martin Wain (MW); Morecambe Bay Limestone Butterfly Project Officer.

1. Apologies and Minutes of the Last Meeting (held on 11th Mar 08). Apologies were received from John Garner and Tony Wood. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st Apr 09 were accepted..

2. Matters Arising. JP would e-mail the Educational Pack CD to SR who would then issue it to all educational establishments visiting the Reserve. **Action: JP**

SR would also let PS have a list of the educational establishments doing visits. Schools which have visited this year include Arkholme, Heron Hill and Lindale. **Action: SR**

PS had completed the Annual Report for 1 Apr 08 to 31st Mar 09 which would be published on the village websites and he would send an electronic copy to JP. **Action: PS**

Both JP and SR agreed to take forward removal of trees and other growth on the bund and to extend the LNR to the east. It was thought unnecessary to replace the entire internal fence but it should be inspected to assess any risk it might present to visitors. A site visit by SR, RH and PS was organised for Tue 27th Oct at 100hrs to look at these issues. **Action: SR/RH/PS**

Table 1.9.1 needed clarification over what was meant by 'other' **Action: JP.**

JP would pass contact details to PS for the Millom reserve with a view to organising a visit in spring 10. **Action: JP/PS**

3. Health and Safety. Insurance cover from BTCV was now in place and ran from May 09 to May10. It had been decided the volunteer work parties would not use power tools and that any work undertaken by volunteers must be well briefed and training given. The Health and Safety file was complete but some changes needed to be done, especially to the notice at the entrance to the LNR. KS would liaise with SR to agree wording and Aggregate Industries would produce and install a new sign. **Action; KS/SR**

H&S information would need to be made available to visitors to the reserve. This would be done through the Risk Assessment section of the Education Pack for school visits and other organised visits, by the notice at the gate for the general public and by publication of H&S information on the proposed LNR website. **Action: KS/SR/PS**

4. Reserve Activities up to Oct 09. Bracken bruising had been done quite early in the usual area and bracken had been cut in the 'cherry tree glade'. There had also been two work sessions to cut back gorse and clear the paths and a butterfly corridor had been cut into the cherry tree glade. TW had continued to record plants in the Reserve and JP would forward his findings to KS for inclusion in the minutes. 145 species had been recorded.

RH presented the results of the Butterfly Transect from Apr to Sep 09 and recordings from 2003 to 2009 (copies attached to file copy of these minutes). For this year 25 species had been recorded with 14 of these being colony types which were therefore more affected by reserve management. Five species of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and Butterfly Conservation high priority list were noted. The Wall Brown was seen late in the season, probably because its caterpillar feeds on grasses and the Grayling also did well on dry grass land. The High Brown, Dark Green and small Pearl Bordered fritillaries were all recorded although note was made that distinguishing the High Brown from the Dark Green could be difficult. Dingy Skipper (a feeder on some varieties of birds foot trefoil) was recorded in small numbers and TW was asked to identify which species of birds foot trefoil was in the reserve. **Action: TW**

5. Proposed Work Programme Oct 09 to Mar 10. Raking of bracken debris would be done in Jan/Feb 10. **Action: PS**

RH would liaise with TW to discuss rationalising the site compartment designations used for recording purposes. **Action: RH**

To draw up a list of animal activity in the LNR **Action; All**

A record of bird activity in the LNR was still needed. PS agreed to advertise in the local parish magazines for a volunteer to take on this task. **Action: PS.**

6. Terms of Reference: KS had drawn up TORs and had drafted a sect 1.4 on Administrative Structures and Responsibilities for inclusion in the MP. The TORs would be issued to all Management Committee members for their guidance and JP would include the sect 1.4 in the MP.

Report from Martin Wain: MW reported on his work with the Morecambe Bay Limestone Butterfly Project and a leaflet describing this work is attached to file copy of these minutes. A lot of data had been collected and advice and help given to manage sites from Warton round to Ulverston with particular reference to the threatened species of the limestone areas. His advice on habitat management included the benefits of rotating clearance management to ensure a succession of areas cleared of non suitable vegetation and to monitor ragwort growth but to leave some. He also volunteered to pursue the possibility of Lancaster University doing a project in the LNR.

7. Any Other Business Consideration would be given to making a short presentation on the LNR at some local event such as the Neighbourhood Forum or Parish meeting. **Action: PS**

8. Date and Location of Next Meetings. The next meeting would be held on Wed 10th Mar 10 at **4.00pm** in the Clawthorpe Hall Business Centre. SR was asked to book the venue. **Action: SR/KS**

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