

NOTES OF HOLME PARK QUARRY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WED 10th MAR 10 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) Tony Wood (TW) .

1. **Apologies and Minutes of the Last Meeting (held on 14th Oct 09).** Apologies were received from John Garner. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th Oct 09 were accepted.

2. **Matters Arising.** SR confirmed that he now had the Education Pack CD. There had been a visit by a single research student since the last meeting. PS confirmed that he had completed the annual report and JP has an electronic copy. The website linked to the Burton web was 'work in progress'. JP was still trying to establish the meaning of Other at Table 1.9.1 of the MP. PS had a contact for the Millom reserve. **Action: JP/PS**

Martin Wain of the Morecambe Bay Limestone Project wanted to stay in touch with the LNR management and might possibly visit the Reserve in May. A paper on Conserving the High Brown Fritillary on the Morecambe Bay Limestones was issued. **Action: RH/KS**

3. **Health and Safety.** The H&S file was almost complete. The wording of a H&S Policy Statement needed to be coordinated with the Safety Notice at the gate to the reserve. It was decided that the risk engendered by blasting in the quarry was sufficiently dealt with by quarry staff monitoring the quarry/reserve edge and/or posting a sentry if appropriate. Reference to closing the reserve and the location of a telephone box at the bottom of Clawthorpe Lane would be removed from the entry sign. SR would get a new sign made incorporating the above changes and including other advice about personal safety. **Action: KS/SR**

4. **Progress on Website (and other promotional activities).** PS was progressing development of the LNR website linked to the Burton Web. Costs associated with this setting up would be met by the quarry. RH had drafted an article for inclusion in the Burton News about butterflies in the reserve and had also prepared a photographic display for inclusion in the Holme Photographic Society's exhibition to be held in Holme Parish Hall. It was also still planned to see if it was possible to give a short presentation at a Neighbourhood Forum held either in Burton or Holme. **Action: PS/RH**

5. **Reserve Activities up to Mar 10.** There was very little activity in the reserve this winter and debris had not been cleared, but it didn't appear to be excessive. RH had suggested that some clearance of the trees on the bund would be beneficial to other plants and the Quarry Liaison committee had been approached to approve this. Initial reaction had been against any clearance as tree planting on the bund had originally been done to act as an acoustic screen. The LNR management committee accepted this overriding consideration but felt there was some scope to continue liaising with the quarry committee to find a compromise position; possibly pruning of lower branches as the trees grew. Other areas, eg at the west end of the bund could perhaps benefit from some clearance and RH had already done some clearance of brambles. Other ideas were to establish grassland where the soil was thicker, to keep the gorse under control and to monitor ash tree growth. PS and RH would attend the next Quarry Liaison meeting on

11th Mar 10 and invite one of their members, possibly the chairman, to attend the next meeting of the LNR committee. **Action: PS/RH**

The official boundary in relation to the bund needed clarifying although for all practical purposes the fence line marks the area of responsibility, but SR would clarify this with the Liaison committee. **Action: SR**

PS would produce a Report of the year's activities and JP would write a brief note to the CCC Development Control and regulation Committee.

6. Proposed Work Programme Mar 10 to Apr 10. PS would arrange two sessions of work by Timberwolf, one in spring and one in early autumn, for which the quarry would pay. The spring session would include bracken bashing and cutting in the usual areas although RH expressed some concern that honeysuckle was taking over in the clear area where bracken was being cut. The later session would look at gorse clearance especially at the west end of the bund and making access to this area. **Action: PS**

RH would do a butterfly transect although he might change the route. **Action: RH**

RH had also a contact who worked at Sizergh who was interested in possibly doing a bird survey. However, constraints of time and distance might mean he was not able to make regular visits but RH was asked to put him (Rob) in contact with PS. **Action; RH**

TW's very comprehensive spread sheet of plants in the reserve was a great asset and he would continue with his plant identification this year. He was asked to identify the species of bird's foot trefoil if possible. **Action: TW**

7. Terms of Reference: Sect 1.4 still needed to be incorporated in the MP. All committee members had been issued with TORs but the Chairman was concerned that the dispute procedure did not fully reflect the overriding position of the County Council. She would consider this and make a recommendation to change the wording. **Action; JP**

8. Any Other Business JP asked if Aggregate Industry had finalised its Biodiversity Management Plan. I think the answer was not quite.

9. Date and Location of Next Meetings. It was agreed that the change of day and time for the meeting was a good move as it avoided SR and DJ going hungry! The next meeting would be held on Wed 13th Oct 2010 at 4.00pm in the Clawthorpe Hall Business Centre. SR was asked to book the venue. **Action: SR/KS**

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