

Minutes of a meeting of the Monks Wall Nature Reserve Management Committee, 23rd October 2019, in the Mayors Parlour, Guildhall, Sandwich at 5:00pm

Present: Cllr P G Graeme (in the Chair)
Cllr D Friend
Cllr K Heaven
Mr M Chandler, Finns
Mr K Chapman, Warden
Mr R A Daw
Mrs S Hunter
Mr A Henderson
Mr A Lipczynski

Officer: Amandajayne Hollobon-Baxter

12.10.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from The Mayor, Cllr Franklin (Mayoral commitment), Cllr MJ Holloway (Work commitment), Cllr D Sivrikaya, and Mr R Daw (personal commitment) gave their apologies.

13.10.19 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

14.10.19 MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2019 which had already been approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION: These minutes were noted.

15.10.19 FINNS

(i) A health and safety site visit had taken place today, 23rd October 2019, by Mr R Wragg, DDC, and Mr K Chapman, Warden, to ascertain requirements for opening. Mr Chapman verbally expanded upon some of the issues, such as lone working, and it was agreed that these issues would be dealt with between the Chair, Warden and Project Manager once the report had been received.

(ii) Skyguard is being obtained and implemented. A Lipczynski offered to assist Mr Chapman, Warden when opening and closing sluices and Cllr D Friend was asked to investigate if Gazen Salts could also assist.

(iii) Mr Chapman, Warden, had not heard from SPC Printing and was asked to chase and revert.

(iv) Cllr Heaven asked if the Project Manager could investigate Urban Tree planning within Sandwich and ascertain if there was any scope for more trees within the nature reserves. However, Mr Chandler, Finns, advised that generally the ground needs to be fairly open for nesting. Mr Chapman, Warden, advised that he has an offer of 100 free trees for the copse area which Committee agreed and accepted. Mr

Chandler, Finns, advised that the management plan states that the copse area is to regenerate back to forest, so this was a great offer and opportunity. Mr Chapman, Warden, had received an offer of five SOA sheep for the reserve and was asking Committee for permission to house on the reserve all year round. These sheep will be tagged with passports. Mr Chandler, Finns, was asked to investigate and revert but the Committee agreed that Mr Chandler, Finns, okayed this offer then Mr Chapman, Warden, could go ahead and place the SOA sheep on the reserve.

RECOMMENDATION: H & S report awaited from DDC. Skyguard to be purchased. SPC Printing regarding signage to be chased. Urban Tree planning to be investigated.

16.10.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th November 2019, at 5pm, in the Council Chamber.

MWNR (23/10/19) Summary of Actions:

Minutes	Action	Member/Officer to complete	Update/record of completion
15.10.19	H & S report to be addressed and progressed.	Chair, P.M. & Warden	Report received, meeting of Chair, PM and Warden to take place on 20 th November 2019
15.10.19	Skyguard to be purchased	P.M.	Completed 15 th November 2019
15.10.19	SPC Printing to be chased in relation to Signage	Warden	
15.10.19	Urban Tree Planning to be investigated	P.M.	Completed 31st October 2019