

Minutes of a meeting of the Monks Wall Nature Reserve Management Committee, 11th October 2017, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich at 6:00pm

Present: **The Mayor, Cllr Paul Graeme (in the Chair)**
 Cllr Mrs Liote
 Cllr JE Franklin
 Cllr R Daw
 Mr A Henderson
 Mr M Chandler
 Mr K Chapman
 Dr A Lipczynski
 Mrs S Hunter

Officer: **Amandajayne Hollobon-Baxter**

01.10.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Watts.

02.10.17 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

03.10.17 MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2017

RESOLUTION: Minutes notes and agreed

04.10.17 REPORT: FINN'S

To receive verbal update from M Chandler (Finn's) regarding management of the Reserve

(i) and (ii) Julian Sampson meet with Johnathan Tenant who acts on behalf of Environment Agency to finalise and complete claim. Finns are to provide costs for fencing and signage and sluice. Report awaited hopefully within 2 weeks. Original Claim circa £120,000 based upon a number of assumptions; depreciation of land value, areas taken from reserve to building Monks Wall and embankment. M Chandler stated that a good outcome would be half the claim being paid.

(iii) Mr Mayor stated that Management Plan is vital as the Committee is currently in no man's land. M Chandler advised that first draft is completed and includes K Chapman's comments. Management Plan also includes improvements and grazing and other committee members may wish to add to these suggestions. M Chandler to circulate tomorrow and consider and Committee member to provide M Chandler with comments.

(iv) M Chandler has chased UK Power Networks but monies have not yet been received. This claim for £4719.00 has been made under higher tier scheme and M Chandler will monitor and chase

(v) Quotations for hedge cutting, desilting and flailing at a cost of £1230.00 in total were discussed. Agreed to Flailing and rushes and track being opened up by trimming each side and top of hedgerow. Cost; Hedgerow £2700 and Flailing £1200. Desilting on hold as part of water retention issues.

RESOLUTION: Progress Noted and agreed that Flailing and hedgerow cost should proceed

05.10.17

WARDEN'S REPORT:

As per attached reports circulated with agenda.

The objective being to open to the public as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION: Information noted

6.10.17

FINANCE:

MWNR statement was discussed. Members agreed that Management Plan was required before spend can be determined.

RESOLUTION: Information Noted

08.10.17

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 6pm, in the Council Chamber.

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