



**Minutes of the Woodland Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30 pm held at Wickersley Community Centre**

Members : Cllrs M Scott (Chair) K Phillips, M Woodhead, E Boswell

In attendance: Cllrs M Scott, K Phillips, M Woodhead

Additional attendees: J Whitworth (Assistant Clerk) Cllr Harwood, Cllr Davies

The Chair welcomed all the attendees.

**492 To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies from Cllr Boswell

**493 To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)**

There are no matters to be excluded.

**494 To approve minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**495 To note any matters arising from the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Both the lantern walk and the litter pick didn't take place due to the weather.

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Councillor Mark Scott

dated :

13/11/24



**496 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance**

No members of the public in attendance.

**497 To receive financial update**

Gorse - general	£1,637.50	£0.00	£1,637.50	£2,500.00	-£862.50
Wood - general	£755.00	£0.00	£755.00	£2,700.00	-£1,945.00
Wood & Gorse Wardens	£0.00	£110.00	£110.00	£110.00	£0.00
Common Bank Lease	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Woodland Committee Events	£94.95	£0.00	£94.95	£400.00	-£305.05
<b>Total Woodland Management</b>	<b>£2,487.45</b>	<b>£210.00</b>	<b>£2,697.45</b>	<b>£5,810.00</b>	<b>-£3,112.55</b>

**498 To discuss Budget for 2024/2025 and consider any requests to full Parish**

The budget was discussed. The Chair suggested that due to costs, weather conditions and not knowing when works may need doing to request a 50% increase for Wickersley Wood and The Gorse. The matter of volunteers was discussed as this could have an impact on budget as without any woodland volunteers, contractors have to be paid to undertake works. This is to be discussed at the next Woodland meeting. With regards to the outstanding projects, no increase would be asked for and any remaining the Chair will ask to be rolled over.

**499 To discuss Terms of Reference**

The Committee discussed this and resolved to change Item E to delete the words Young People and also Item F take out children and young people and change to all Wickersley residents. This was proposed by Cllr Phillips and Cllr Scott seconded this and it was agreed by all the committee members.

**Action : Assistant Clerk to amend the Terms of Reference**

**500 To discuss matters relating to The Gorse**

**500.1 Report from Paul Paddock**

There is no report from Paul Paddock

Signed :

Councillor Mark Scott

dated :

13/3/24

**500.2 Update on works**

No works have been carried out, this is to be organised by the Assistant Clerk

**Action : Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes and arrange for the work on Ian Kennedy's report to be carried out.**

**501 To discuss matters relating to Wickersley wood**

**501.1 Report from Katie Smith**

There is a report of a fairly small tree down on the path which leads into the woods at the Winthrop / Quarry entrance.

**Action : Assistant Clerk to obtain more information about where this is and speak to the handymen to see if they can move it out of the way**

**501.2 Update on works**

No work has been carried out but the Assistant Clerk has made application to Rotherham Council to enable work to be undertaken on the protected trees. Once this is received then quotes will be obtained.

**Action : Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes once the authority to work on the protected trees is received**

**502.3 To discuss noticeboards**

The noticeboards were discussed and it was agreed to put in a small project bid to replace the noticeboards. Assistant clerk to provide prices of the noticeboards and speak to the handymen to see what materials they would need. Discussions took place about the location of the noticeboard at The Gorse and it was suggested that this noticeboard be relocated perhaps to where the bin is at the entrance to The Gorse, Assistant Clerk to look at getting permission to install the noticeboard on that piece of land.

**Action : Assistant Clerk to get a price together for 4 noticeboards and to speak to the handymen with regards to what materials they need. Assistant Clerk to seek permission to relocate the noticeboard to the land near to where the bin is situated.**

Signed :



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dated :

13/8/24



**503 To discuss date of next meeting**

Meeting dates for 2024 agreed as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

The Easter event was discussed and agreed it will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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