

Minutes of the NP working group meeting 24th January 2023

Pickmere Village Hall 7.30pm

Present – Chris Tarrant, Alison Bold, Gavin Erlam, Sarah Flannery, Simon Read

1. Apologies – none
2. Matters arising – none
3. Finance – GE reported on the figures he had received to bring the spreadsheet up to date. AB agreed to ask the Parish Council Clerk for any further figures to be sent to GE so that a final balance sheet can be produced for submission to the PC. AB to confirm to GE the amount of the NP grant that was returned to CE for the spreadsheet. AB confirmed a small further £60 invoice for the production of the 3 wire bound copies of the report from Cheshire Wildlife Trust for future use.
4. History report – this has been produced and will form part of the final NP document. It has been sent to Lucy Hughes for consideration and she has made a few amends. The full (un-amended document will be published on the PC website as soon as possible.
5. Cheshire Wildlife Trust report – this has been received and has been circulated to all members for comment. AB to contact CWT to see about the reproduction of the maps – any licenses needed etc? It was noted this report has also been sent to Lucy Hughes for comment.
6. Resident members – it was noted that 2 other resident members had left the working group for a variety of reasons and discussion was had about how to encourage new resident members to join as per the directive from the PC to redress the balance between resident and PC members. It was agreed to make direct approaches to any interested parties and to release NP information already gathered to try and encourage other residents to take on specific named policies again to encourage participation.
7. AOB
 - a. It was agreed to contact LH with the agreed policies for the Pickmere NP and to allow her to start to write the policies, ask for further detail on some of the terms and advise the WG what further evidence is required to allow the policies to further develop/emerge. LH to be paid from the reserves set aside by the PC.
 - b. SR reported that he is currently exploring all footpaths in Pickmere to create a record including stiles and gates
 - c. Comment was made about a potential policy for the economy in the village and the boom in home working and how to capture (if required) that data that may be important for considerations around broadband provision
 - d. It was agreed that the next working group meeting will be one where residents are involved and is to be held along the same lines as the last one as in a Q & A, with Gavin Erlam as Chair on the 14th March at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. In the meantime the items above are to be published.

Meeting closed 8.15pm