

# ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a meeting of the NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (NEC)

held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Lisa Marriott (Chair)  
Cllr. Julie Barber  
Kathryn Nolan  
Jan Bennett  
Cllr. Simon Peers

In attendance: Keith Langley (Parish Clerk)

### 1. Apologies for absence.

David Hartley and Jo Fell.

### 2. Declarations of interest.

None.

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November were accepted as a true record subject to the name Roger Mawson being corrected to Roger Bennett.

### 4. Updates

#### i. Lectern-style interpretation display board

The Clerk had obtained a quotation and sample artwork for this in the region of £1,200. It was agreed that opportunities for grant funding be explored. Meanwhile Committee members would establish the species of plant and wildlife found the pond throughout the spring and summer so that the finished artwork would be an accurate reflection of what was actually there with a view to reviewing this in the autumn ready for collation by winter.

#### ii. Tree Works

Lisa had contacted the tree surgeon and arranged for the work to be done on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January. However, the Clerk had not yet submitted the paperwork necessary for planning permission. He would do so the next day and it was noted planning authority time scales were six weeks. Lisa would contact the tree surgeon and agree revised date.

#### iii. Play Area

David had emailed his apologies and was trying to get an update on the play area trees. This was deferred to the next meeting.

#### iv. The land near 149 Main Street

It was felt that removal of the chestnut trees was the best option with a view to replacing them in the future. There was support for making this land into a wildlife friendly meadow. Lisa would circulate details in the next couple of days. Julie knows the daughter of the lady whose late husband planted the trees and would speak to her about this. Jo would be asked to circulate information to committee members. The need for ongoing maintenance of a wildflower area was noted and the need to know appropriate types of flower. Further research was needed, this would be an item on the next agenda.

#### v. Saint Nicholas' Croft

The owner of one of the adjoining properties was mowing the grass and it was agreed to leave this plot of land as it is (the tree was pruned on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021).

#### vi. Commemoration the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Parish Council had ordered trees from the Woodland Trust. The Clerk had ordered a brass commemorative plaque which he showed to the Committee.

### Dates of next meeting

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 18:24

Signed

Chair  
17 March 2022