

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the initial meeting of the NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP (NEG)

held on Thursday 24th June 2021 at 6:45pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Andrew Steele (Chair)
Jan Bennett David Hartley Lisa Marriott

In attendance: the locum Clerk, Councillors Dawson, Peers and Smith, Ward Cllr. Hook.

The Chair of the Parish Council opened the meeting.

He had produced draft terms of reference which were circulated to the members of the group. It was noted that in addition to those present, others had expressed an interest in joining the group and that Cllr. Barber and other Parish Councillors were willing to support members of the NEG.

The Chair advised that the group would be given a budget by the Parish Council (PC) and would be empowered to spend within the budget set (some of this budget had already been used on the land at the corner of Saint Nicholas' Croft).

The NEG would be responsible for the pond, the wooded area of recreational area, the land at the corner of Saint Nicholas' Croft, land at the bottom of Main Street and other land identified as belonging to the Parish Council. The grass in the recreational area is cut by a professional grass cutter and some work had been already done in the wooded area.

Although not members of the NEG, it was noted that a resident already looks after plants in the village and another cuts grass, the Chair agreed to send details of these two people to NEG members.

It was also noted that the college were willing to offer student support as part of their education, and Ward Cllr. Hook had already shared the name of a contact at the college.

It was stressed that although the NEG have responsibility for the above areas, they are not expected to do all the work themselves but to liaise with others as appropriate.

David expressed an interest in being the lead on the wooded area.

The Clerk would offer support for the NEG until it became established.

The next meeting would be Thursday 15th July 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall and would elect a Chair.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Signed

Chair