



MOUSEHOLD HEATH CONSERVATORS SUB-GROUP

2pm – 4.35pm

26 November 2012

Present: Councillors Bradford (chair), Chris Southgate and Margaret Bush

Also present: Bob Cronk (Head of neighbourhood services), Lenny Stamp (Community and neighbourhood manager – North), Will Stewart (Mousehold Heath warden), Mark Smith (Finance control manager), Bob Clarke (NPS)

Apologies: Councillor Brociek-Coulton after 14:30

1. Mousehold Pavilion

Confidential - no notes

RESOLVED: Bob Clarke will update the Conservators at a following meeting

2. Work Programme

Mousehold Heath management plan progress report was discussed and the report will be presented at the January Conservators meeting

Bob Cronk added that the plan would be revised in order to take into account the next five years action plan and was due for a review 2013/2014, and suggested that the web page showing the management plan should be revised as a half term review. He also asked the Conservators to consider if in principle the management plan was fit for purpose. Also to reflect that:

- The capital fund was unused
- We are in a changing world of financial constraints
- And woodland management in the light of ash die-back. It was noted that there are only 12 young ash trees on Gilman Road.
- Consider using herbicide in a controlled way as with the Cavalry track, ant hills and tree stumps.

There is a robust programme for heathland management which is supported by High level stewardship (HLS) with a £2000 annual grant for over 10 years.

RESOLVED, following discussion: that the progress plan should be revised, with approximate costs and presented to the January meeting.

3. Community earth heritage project

Chris Southgate reported that he had discussed with Tim Holt-Wilson proposals for additional projects to enhance the current earth heritage trail.

Defenders and Norwich Society are meeting with Tim Holt-Wilson in January 2013 to discuss further. The outcome will be feedback to the next sub group meeting to ensure that it is a clear on what is involved and the practical applications.

RESOLVED, Lenny Stamp to bring copies of the current EHT leaflet for all Conservators at the next full meeting

Dates for future meetings:

RESOLVED: Lenny Stamp will arrange dates and inform the Conservators in the new year.