

**MINUTES** of a meeting held by Barlborough Country Park Group in Barlborough Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 19.30hrs

**PRESENT:** Bridget Ingle, Russell Cunliffe, Jill Logan, Donna Booth, Clive Taylor, Steve Riley and John Shaw

**APOLOGIES:** Wayne Vardy, Bev Clark, Ian Eames

**031/2006 SPECIAL ITEM ACTION**

1. Bolsover Dog Warden – Ann Young was present at the meeting to talk about the recurring problem of dog fouling on the park. Answered various questions about what action we can take to combat the problem and what should be expected of dog owners.
2. Advised that Bolsover Dog Orders cover the park but difficult to enforce at the moment.
3. Committee needs to consider buying in time from Bolsover to enforce the dog byelaws.
4. Consider placing an article in the local press to make people aware of the byelaws and also install improved signage and dog bins.
5. Owners should be advised that dogs should be kept on a lead or under tight control.
6. If any committee members witness any fouling they should report to the dog warden who will issue a fixed penalty fine – provided they can get there in time. Contact number circulated. CAN Rangers may also be contacted to help with the problem. **ALL**

**032/2006 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. An area of the park has been highlighted as an area of special interest due to its biodiversity and the committee need to take measures to protect this area (report on file). This met with a mixed response from the group but it was acknowledged that it could provide a valuable benefit to the community. Some were worried about the potential costs to the committee in protecting & maintaining the area.

This does open up some funding opportunities (e.g. Breathing Spaces) which we can look at in the future

Need to close a gap in the car park fence so that cars cannot park on the site. Approach Killingly for a price. **BI**

Approach Killingly for a price to lay a hedge around the area. **BI**

Price up an Interpretation Board to erect on the site so that the public are aware of its importance. Possible project with Barlborough Primary School. **DB**

**033/2006          FUNDING**

1. Greenwatch Action Grant £300 awarded towards hedgelaying course.
2. Application to Co-Op's community dividend.

**034/2006          ACTIVITIES**

1. Park to be officially opened on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 9.30am by Richard Caborn MP.

In preparation the main entrance from Clowne Road **BI** needs to be tidied up – Killingly to be approached.

Suggestions made for activities on the day – stand **BI RC** showing what the group has achieved so far and its plans for the future and to give the public an opportunity to comment and give suggestions. Perhaps a junior football match – Barlborough v Clowne?

2. Clowne Tennis Club – The protected area covers where they planned to put their courts so they need to look in the top corner bordering Oxcroft Way/Clowne Road. No further news as yet on the progress – we must continue with our plans for planting etc. – we cannot wait for CTC to come back.
3. Wind Turbine – SR advised he had spoken to Carbon **SR** Concepts who were very vague about a price to install – would not give a breakdown of costs other than it would cost approximately £10,000 to have a small turbine installed and working. Agreed that we would look elsewhere
4. Grant given by Elmton & Creswell Village Company towards the hedge laying course.
5. Barlborough Juniors won an award.

**035/2006          UPDATE AND MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES**

1. Report circulated from Facilities Sub Group. **RESOLVED** to take this forward (prop. BI Seconded JS)
2. Fence and Hedge on Clowne Road need some remedial **BI** work. Group agreed to pursue installation of a turnstile near the main gates on Clowne Road to facilitate pedestrian access but restrict Bikers and Sailboarders. Initial estimates are £5500. BI to obtain competitive

- quotes.
3. Need to produce a snagging list for the works done by Bolsover before payment is made. **BI, SR , RC**
  4. Some fencing needs to be replaced. Initial quotes were £3000 - £5000. Alternatives quotes to be sought. **BI**
  5. Gap in fence on Oxcroft Way needs to be sealed – quotes to be obtained **BI**
  6. Ditch round the edge of the park (Oxcroft Way/Clowne Road) is to be re-dug. **BI**

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**MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

1. Litter is an ongoing problem. Need to discuss this at a future meeting.
2. Fence on Slayley View Road – now been repaired.

**Date of Next Meeting – To be confirmed.**