

The projected income per annum is around £4776, but could alter either way when the official maps are agreed. The agreement will have different requirements to the existing.

- a Reed areas will remain similar
- b Lower fen will be reed and wet fen
- c Middle fen mostly reed, but with some spring cutting in small areas
- d Highland fen will be reed & grass areas

There will be no requirement under the agreement to carry out more scrub removal, but to control the existing. Woodland areas are not included in the calculations

It seems that when DEFRA applied the points criteria as designed, many sites were excluded. NE pointed out to DEFRA they were not delivering the required number of sites, so DEFRA re-evaluated the criteria, and we were then included. Only a few small sites have missed out under the revised arrangements

6 Financial report including banking arrangements

The balance sheet remains as 16.03.18

7 Budget – 2017/2018

No budget has been prepared as present, as Mark needs to know what work will be planned. It is likely that reed cutting will be more extensive next year as weather has prevented any cutting at all this year.

8 Health and Safety

It is felt that this is an ongoing matter, monitored frequently, and is all OK

9 Future funding and management of the fen

Future funding looks much more promising with the Stewardship. Mark will continue to research other funding sources and the possibility of setting up a management group to enable the sourcing of funding to be made easier


10 Summer Work

Dave Cooper will endeavour to keep parts of the walk maintained with a daytime team of volunteers.

Mark & Dave will keep an eye on the need for cutting the walk, and ask Steven Eyles to cut as required. Mark will arrange the summer cutting with Steven, possibly to the new requirements if they are available in time

11 Autumn/Winter Work

This item is deferred due to the changing requirements under the new NE agreement.

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12 Open Forum

Future meeting dates to be 7th September 2018, 7th December 2018, 15th March 2019, 31st May 2019

Paul Smith was aware that the EA staff do a day's volunteering during Autumn. Winter. This would be with qualified operatives, so he was going to look into this further to see if they would be interested in doing their day at Boughton Fen.

Dave Cooper raised the appearance of some Ash Trees about 50 yards or so into the fen which appear a bit sick. Paul has a little experience of diseased trees so will take an initial look, and it may be necessary to get the view of a qualified person in case they have dieback.

Angela will write a cheque for the use of the church along with the others which are currently due for payment

Mark spoke about filling the committee vacancy with Sue Pogmore, as she is now attending all meetings and contributing in other ways. The committee were happy with this, so he will ask for the approval of the Parish Council

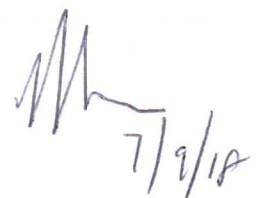
Date of next meeting

Next meeting date is:

7th September 2018

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.59pm.


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Appendix 1

**ACTION LIST STATUS BY BOUGHTON FEN COMMITTEE
MEMBER (EXCLUDING PAST COMPLETED ITEMS)**

ALL

Number	Group	Action	Date rec'd	Complete by	Status
1	All	To try to ensure that safety during working parties is maximised as discussed and report back for further review	08.12.17	Next meeting	Ongoing

No current actions.

DAVID COOPER (DC) & ANDREW FAHERTY (ACF)

1	DC & ACF	Review Health and Safety documents – complete review and create Accident Report sheet	25.09.17	Next meeting	Ongoing
2	DC	Dave to purchase work trousers etc	15.06.18	Next meeting	New

ANGELA FAHERTY (Ang F)

No current actions

DAVID COOPER (DC)

1	DC	Arrange daytime volunteers to keep path maintained	15.06.18	Throughout summer	New
2	DC	Dave to purchase work trousers etc	15.06.18	Next meeting	New
3	DC	Liaise with Mark over need to get contractor cut on path	15.06.18	Throughout summer	New

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MARK POGMORE (MP)

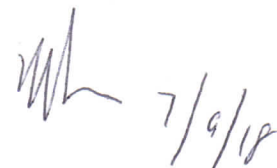
Number	Group	Action	Date rec'd	Complete by	Status
1	MP	Contact management groups of similar projects to make enquiries regarding pros & cons of forming an organisation of this type	08.12.17	Next meeting	Ongoing
2	MP	Arrange Summer Cut with SE	15.06.18	Next meeting	New
3	MP	Continue with application for Countryside Stewardship			Ongoing
4	MP	Liaise with Dave over need to get contractor cut on path	15.06.18	Throughout summer	New

TOM ROBERTS (TR)

No current actions

PAUL SMITH (PS)

Number	Group	Action	Date rec'd	Complete by	Status
1	PS	Contact EA with a view to a day's voluntary work	15.06.18	Next meeting	New
2	PS	Take a look at sickly Ash trees	15.06.18	asap	New



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