

## **Notes on Millpool Picnic Area Site Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018: 7.30pm – 8.30pm**

### **Attending:**

Cllrs. Neil Thompson, Eveleigh Moore-Dutton, Amy Markham and Eddie Shaw  
Martin Boardman, Lindsey Worrall and Mike Wilson (Chair of Working Group)

#### **1. Current State of Site**

- a. **Grass:** Mown by Arthur
- b. **Hedge:** To be trimmed after the nesting season (01/08) unless a road safety issue). **Action Cllr Shaw**
- c. **Main Entrance:** Needs ramp building up with planings or the like to allow vehicle entrance for working parties etc.  
**Action: Cllr. Shaw to organise at his convenience.**

#### **2. New Approach to Work Required**

The minutes of the last WG meeting (24<sup>th</sup> September 2017) attended by 3 councillors Eveleigh & 6 members of the Working Group, contained detailed lists of work to be done in both North & South copses as well as additional items for the school project etc. However at a recent Parish Council Meeting it was agreed to limit the development of the copses due to the resultant cost of maintenance. Similarly an additional pedestrian gate plus the addition of a path would be put on hold at this time. This was understood by all.

#### **3. Finance:**

Before any further work is undertaken, an update to the balance of the £9,982 Awards for All grant must be established.

**Action: Mike Wilson; Lindsey Worrall.**

#### **4. School Project ; Bugs; Birds & Butterflies.**

##### **a. The Project :**

The £1000 from Tesco's to fund a project for Eaton Primary School will now be carried out in the school year starting September 2018. The original project when £4,000 was applied for, was to be done by an organisation called Wildbanks Conservation. With the award being for £1,000, this means that the project will be organised by Mike Wilson & Neil Thompson. The theme will remain the same with children building Bird Boxes, Bug Hotels and an area of wild meadow to attract Butterflies. Head Teacher Mrs Duffell, has assigned 2 teachers for this project.

**Action: Project to be designed and costed and put to Mrs Duffell for approval – Mike Wilson / Neil Thompson.**

##### **b. North Copse: (The area for the school project)**

- i. **Long Tree trunk** on floor needs cutting up to provide an H shaped log seat particularly for the children to sit and observe from.

**Action: Martin Boardman at his convenience**

- ii. **Area to be marked out for wildflower meadow.** Points for limits agreed. Pegs to be used to mark area a.s.a.p. which must suit tractor mowing. **Action: Mike Wilson (seed will be sown in Autumn)**
- iii. **Apple Orchard :** to be sited adjacent to North Copse, apple trees could be planted within the wildflower meadow  
**Action: Eveleigh; MW & NT.**
- iv. **Project:** In liaison with the school & once costed, Bird Boxes, Bug hotel etc. will be made  
**Action: MW & NT**

**5. Signage – What do we need?**

Agreed to alter the current sign to read Rushton Parish Council.

**Action: Mike Wilson**

**6. Information Board**

Consideration to be given to “Info Board” for public that shows what we are doing. Due to limited funds, this will have to be a DIY job.

**Action: Mike Wilson**

**7. Agreement of Work to be carried out.**

It was agreed that the minutes of this meeting and the proposed school project should be put to the full Parish Council for approval at the July meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.