

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Centenary Wood Management Committee held in the
Hutton Cranswick School Hall, on Wednesday, 20th June, 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs Mills, Poolford, Richardson, Mrs Thurlow and Frances Johnson.

Parishioners present: Two
The Clerk recorded the minutes.

18/CW 010 Election of Chairman – Frances Johnson considered it was more appropriate to determine the Terms of Reference prior to the Election of a Chairman. Cllr Poolford was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thurlow and duly elected.

18/CW 011 Minutes - Resolved – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7th March, 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Richardson/seconded Frances Johnson).

18/CW 012 Declaration of interests – None.

18/CW 013 Public Participation – Two residents, both volunteers in the Woodland, expressed disappointment that the latest maintenance work had shown a lack of care and sensitivity in the managing of the Wood and, in particular, the planting undertaken by the volunteers. Some flowers had been cut down and destroyed, in their view, spoiling the Woodland. A request to do some planting had been refused. It had been demoralising for volunteers.

18/CW 014 Terms of Reference – The Committee was to recommend to the Council acceptance of the Terms of Reference. Frances Johnson had concerns and considered there was potential conflict in the membership of the Committee as it was deemed Advisory and that Parish Councillors sat on the Committee.

18/CW 015 History Centenary Wood – The area was originally a chalk pit. It was used by the former East Riding Council as a managed refuse tip. It had a brief life as a BMX type facility. In the mid-1990's the Parish Council developed the area into the Community Woodland as it is at present.

18/CW 016 Long-term future of the Wood – The Wood was to be retained by the Council for the enjoyment of local residents, visitors and be a place for children to learn about nature. The Wood be carefully managed to have a balance between biodiversity and human enjoyment.

18/CW 017 Residents' concerns – Letters had been received from two volunteers of the Woodland expressing disappointment of lack of care when carrying out maintenance of the Woodland and a refusal to undertake some planting. These concerns were supported by Frances Johnson. The Committee took the matter seriously and had arranged this additional meeting to consider the concerns. The Committee listened to and discussed the concerns with the volunteers as part of public participation earlier in the Meeting. The Committee recognised the hard work done by the volunteers. The volunteers concerns would be taken into account as part of future maintenance of the Woodland.

18/CW 018 Provision of Planters – It was decided not to purchase planters at this time.

18/CW 019 Maintenance programme – The footpaths would be kept clear and accessible, the open area to be carefully managed. In September/October the hedges would be cut back, small spindly trees and overhanging branches would be removed. Consideration was to be given to carry out some work to reduce the canopy. A progress report would be given to the next meeting.

18/CW 020 Information Panels – Cllr Mrs Thulow agreed to arrange for the panels to be displayed.

18/CW 021 Next Meeting – It was agreed the next meeting would take place on the 19th September, 2018 at 7.00 pm in the School Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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