

**Meeting of the Friends of Granville Country Park on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the  
White Horse, Wrockwardine Wood**

**Present:** Malcolm Dawes, Jim Cox, Carolyn Jones, Mark Latham, Ken Buttress, David Lombard and Michael Ward.

**Apologies** Louise Bremner.

**Points** Note Green text is TWC points.

1. The bid for the Cockshutt to be declared a Nature Reserve is still ongoing.
2. The secretary is to obtain a price for plastic stick-on Heritage Trail markers.
3. The water problem on the concrete road has re-occurred. At a site meeting with Adrian Corney it was agreed that a survey would be taken to establish levels for a ditch but there would probably not be the money to dig it. The water is coming from both ends of the road and was over a foot deep during the recent heavy rain conditions
4. The drainage ditch by the side of the concrete road from Grange Lane towards Granville tip has been blocked by access ramps constructed to gain access to the fields. This is adversely affecting the drainage at the cross roads with Grange Lane and further down the concrete road.
5. Adrian also said that he would get spraying the loading ramps of the furnaces sprayed with weed killer to assist the Friends.
6. Quad bikes and horses are riding off-trail in the Western Stockpile, gaining entrance off Grange Lane. Tree stumps have place by the council to block the broken fence above the car park entrance although it looks like an attempt has been made to create another point.
7. Trees and vegetation is growing out of the fabric of the Winding House and Pump House (Grade 2 listed). It is too high up the buildings for the Friends to deal with.
8. We have been informed that the steps on the Muxton Bridge pit mound down to Marshbrook Way will be replaced by TWC.
9. We have also been informed that the steps from Marshbrook Way to the top of the Freehold pit mound will be replaced by SWT and the Friends. The Friends to count and measure steps so SWT can get material.
10. Fencing round the western stockpile is down again. The kerbs that have been installed to divert the water off the footpath have been undermined and the footpath has been washed out again.
11. Scrap dealers have agreed to remove the two land rovers.
12. Signage at the exit from the park at Marshbrook Way has been vandalised and the gate destroyed by a stolen yellow dump truck, the driver being arrested by the police.
13. Mark Latham said that a temporary camera could be positioned at the canal basin. A suitable mounting position prevents one being installed at the car park.
14. The horse riders using the dragonfly bench as a jump were apparently two young girls on ponies. They were spoke to by a member of the public and will hopefully not do it again.
15. The back meadow on the Barnyard pit mound needs the brambles treating again, but we need SWT to be present.
16. A wetland area was constructed on Waxhill Meadow to attract Great Crested Newts although the first attempt with the environmental mounds was not as intended and had to be altered. Further work will take place when the area is drier.

17. Money has become available from the Potters Landfill Tax (who now operate Granville tip) and they have requested that it is to be specifically spent at Granville Country Park. TWC have to match fund the sum with new money and Mark said that it looks like the money has been found. The sum involved is **£55,000** in total.

**Date of Next Meeting (AGM)**

The White Horse, New Road, Wrockwardine Wood. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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