

**The Parish Council resolved (minute 20/075(b) to receive these minutes and consider the recommendations.  
The Council accepted the recommendation at minute 20/CW008.  
The Committee was dissolved on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. (minute 20/075(b)(e)).**

**Hutton Cranswick Parish Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Centenary Wood Management Committee  
held in the Library at Hutton Cranswick School on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

**Present:** Councillor Poolford and Mrs Thurlow.

**Parishioners present:** None  
The Clerk recorded the minutes.

**20/CW001 Apologies:** Cllr Richardson.

**20/CW002 Membership** – It was noted Cllr Mills had resigned from the Committee.

**20/CW003 Minutes - Resolved** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019, be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Tanya Thurlow/seconded Cllr Poolford).

**20/CW004 Improvements to the footpath around the Wood** – It was recommended that the Parish Council approve the estimate of £2,180.00, to improve the footpath around the Wood that was not resurfaced as part of the footpath link project previously completed. The work needed to be carried out before Autumn, 2020. The project was subject to the Council approving funding (proposed Cllr Poolford/seconded Tanya Thurlow).

**20/CW005 Traffic management arrangements at the entrance to the Wood** – A resident had raised concerns that over the last two or three years the traffic around the Wood, at times, had become very heavy and traffic was parking on the path and the verge on Hutton Road. Over the last 10 years, the Wood had become more and more popular as a feature of the village. It was suggested that, if the gate was taken off the car park entrance and the posts pulled up and fencing in the form of large posts around the car park perimeter was made, it would stop a lot of the traffic parking on Hutton Road and would make it much more accessible and tidy. It appeared that the problem was mainly as a result of inconsiderate parking. The Committee was to recommend to the Council that, at present, the matter be monitored.

**20/CW006 Wooden building to be sited in the Wood** – Scouting and Guiding had been provided by volunteers in the village, for young people, for a good number of years. The aim of both associations was to provide opportunities for young people to learn and have fun outdoors. Currently, both associations in the village met all the year round, at the Methodist Hall. However, come the light evenings the groups were keen to be outdoors.

The scouts and guides would like to use Centenary Wood more as part of their development programme for young people in the village. The scout and guide leaders had made a request to the Committee for permission to locate a log cabin in the South West corner of the Wood, on the boundary with Hutton Road and the adjoining field. The log cabin was to be a base for the activity programme from March through to October.

The Committee recognised the benefits for young people in being a member of the associations, but was not convinced that a log cabin in the Wood was appropriate. There were no utility services at the Wood, there was a high risk of trespass and damage to previous planting, effort and hard work by the Friends of Centenary Wood, potential security issues of the cabin, a risk of attracting anti-social behaviour in mis-use of the cabin and a risk of maintenance costs falling on the Council. The fact that suitable insurance was held by both associations was noted. However, at present, the Committee was not minded to recommend to the Council to grant permission to locate a log cabin in the Wood.

**20/CW007 Siting of new notice board** – The Committee considered the new notice board, planned to be sited in the Wood, was not in keeping with the Wood. The Committee was to recommend to the Council that an alternative location was found for the notice board.

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**20/CW008 Terms of Reference** – In 2016, a number of residents had raised concerns about the state of the Wood and that there was a complete lack of management of the Wood by the Council. The Council established the Committee on 26th October, 2016 with a remit to recommend a strategy to manage the Wood in the best interests of the Community, oversee all actions taken at the Wood, identify organisations that could partner the Council in managing the Wood and recommend financial investment requirements for the Wood. The Committee commissioned a Woodland Assessment and Report and has put in place the measures outlined in the report to manage the Wood. Over the period of the Committee, there had been a number of improvements made to the Wood. The Committee was to recommend to the Council that the Committee be dissolved, as it had achieved its remit and further management of the Wood to be overseen by the Council.

**20/CW009 Survey and Management Report** – The Wood was managed in accordance with the Arboriculturist and Landscape Architect’s Woodland Assessment and Report adopted by the Council. Winter maintenance work had been completed.

**20/CW010 Compliment** – A letter complimenting the provision of the new footpath and two bench seats was noted.

**20/CW011 Next Meeting** – The Committee was to be dissolved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

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