

**Notes on the  
Trees for Tomorrow Meeting  
Chapel School Room  
20th January 2020 at 7pm**

**1 Attendance**

Margrethe Clements, Barbara Cobb, David Cobb, Diana Coatsworth, Pam Dodds, Barbara Hedger, Robin Hepburn, Derek Simpson (Chair), Spenser Tate, Andy Voke, Alison Yarushin

**2 Update Since Last Meeting**

DS met with the staff of Hutton Rudby Primary School Gardening Club and they are keen to be involved.

The Cricket Club has been emailed and awaiting a response

DS is in discussion with Simon Bateson about the field by the river.

A map of the PC land by the river has been circulated

Contact made with John Willis and he is happy for his drone to be used subject to normal flying regulations

Application made to Woodland Trust for free trees (saplings) for November 2020. After a false start, the bid was successful. In November 2020, the following will arrive

- Medium Wildlife (105 saplings)
- Medium Wild Harvest (105 saplings)
- Medium Year Round Colour (105 saplings)
- Medium Wild Wood (105 saplings)

Between now and November need to firm up locations. Potentially offer trees to Parish residents to plant in their gardens.

Update given to The Parish Council (RPC) on 13th January. RPC very keen to plant trees for 75th VE Day anniversary. Potential locations are

**Hutton Rudby** - Near Village Hall where old Chestnut tree was (depends on whether can plant there due to old tree roots). Additional/alternative sites are near the War Memorial and/or the Village Green where a tree is missing.

**Rudby** - New burial ground or churchyard

**Middleton** - Play area or churchyard

**Skutterskelfe** - Near Rook House and the public footpath

Trees to be planted close to date of anniversary; will not be bare root and a separate budget for them exists

RPC agreed £500 budget for planting this financial year

RPC asked for a "planting order list" to be circulated. This was circulated last week and RPC asked for comments within a week due to the bare root planting season soon ending.

Once agreed, RPC would like the list to be published for residents to be able to see it. Proposed to put it on web site.

### **3 Review of Potential Sites**

DS circulated a list of sites people had suggested as possible sites. DS stressed that the list was ONLY people's suggestions and in many cases the landowners had not been approached and the sites might not be suitable. It was expected that sites would be added/removed over time. It was very much a working document.

Diana C to see if she can find out who owns some of the land north of the churchyard/moat.

Robin H to enquire about the land at the bottom of Crow Bank steps.

### **4 Immediate Planting**

The list of planting sent to RPC was discussed.

The following was noted

The replacement of the missing tree on the Green could be the VE anniversary tree location if the Village Hall is not suitable.

The triangle of land at the bottom of North End was crossed by a drain, a gas pipe, and had a telephone pole on it. Robin H would try to identify their paths to see where it would be safe to plant. Should be able to plant something on the land. Possibly drop down the list.

There used to be a tree in front of the "workshop" close to the triangle. Possibly a location for a new tree.

Grass area at junction of Northfields and North End should be able to take three small trees.

The hedge opposite could take some trees. Query over ownership. RPC had discussed recently who was responsible for cutting the hedge.

Grass area at end of Greenbank Terrace could take one small tree. A small tree would not cast shade over houses opposite which are 16 m away.

Most likely all the new trees along North End would be the same variety.

Replacement of the dead tree along the School Drive should be a high priority. Missed off the list circulated to RPC.

The rear of the Play Area will need to be re-assessed especially if the Fir tree which was due to be trimmed has to come down. Currently not safe enough to trim using ropes. Pam D to contact Simon Hill to discuss options including hedging proposals.

Suggestion that the edge of the stream in the new burial ground includes alders as well as willows.

A member of RPC had expressed concern that if trees were planted at the bottom of the hill next to the old Linen Mill it would block views. Trees higher up the hill would not block views as there are existing trees/hedges. Robin H informed the meeting that the land owned by RPC used to have cottages on it and they were knocked down when the road was widened. The remaining pieces of hedging probably reflected the old gardens of the cottages. Robin thought there were old NYCC posts showing the boundary.

Filling in the hedging gaps round the RPC land should be undertaken.

There is probably a separate budget for the hedging round the new burial ground. It was felt the hedging would soften the new post and rail fence.

## **5 Sponsorship**

RPC had discussed sponsorship at their last meeting. It was agreed that the web site, for example, could display a list of people/companies/organisations that had supported the project. There would not be plaques near trees saying "Sponsored by". Spenser T had been discussing possible sponsorship with Robin Jessop (Estate Agents).

## **6 Sources of Trees**

As well as the Woodland Trust and sponsorship, Margaret Cohen had offered some oak trees in pots.

## **7 AOB**

A query was raised as to whether the Woodland Trust would offer private landowners advice on the planting of trees on their land. DS to contact Woodland Trust.

Spenser T will be meeting the Environment Agency in Stokesley when they discuss planting trees along the embankment. Spenser will ask about them supporting planting trees along the Leven in the Parish.

It was noted that some trees in the river by the sewerage works had steel ropes round them. It was not known whether this was to stop the trees floating down the river or whether it was part of the Tees River Trust project to protect the river.

## **8 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Wednesday, 26th February, 2020 at 7 pm in the Chapel School Room