

## Notes on the

### Trees for Tomorrow Meeting

#### Chapel School Room

Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 7 pm

#### 1. Attendance

Jenny Bromley, Margrethe Clements, Barbara Cobb, David Cobb, Diana Coatsworth, Pam Dodds, Dawn Hogg, Derek Simpson (Chair), Spenser Tate, Dileas Turner, Mike Turner, Andy Voke

A number of apologies were received

#### 2. Notes from meeting on 20 January 2020

These were accepted.

#### 3. Updates since last meeting

##### *i. Broadacres*

Broadacres have agreed in principle that the trees lost on Deepdale can be replaced. They would like the residents to be contacted first for their views. As planting will not be occurring until autumn/winter, residents will be contacted over the summer. Will try to involve some Deepdale residents in developing and circulating the questionnaire.

##### *ii. Northumbrian Water*

Contact made with Northumbrian Water. Awaiting further response.

##### *iii. Primary School*

The School would like a Crab Apple tree to replace the dead tree down the School drive.

##### *iv. Cricket Club*

The Cricket Club have agreed in principle to have additional trees round the perimeter of the ground. They would like input into the type and location of the trees. As planting will not be occurring until autumn/winter, informed the Club we will get back in contact over the summer.

##### *v. Field behind the burial ground*

The owner of the field behind the burial ground (next to Church Wood) is happy to have trees planted on their land. Informed the owner that we will contact them over the summer to agree locations/numbers of trees before planting in November.

##### *vi. Woodland Trust*

Contacted the Woodland Trust about possible support for private landowners. They identified potential funding of up to 75%.

*"As part of our woodland creation outreach work, we help landowners and farmers create small (or larger) areas of woodland, through our MOREWoods funding. This is where we help landowners meet some of the costs of planting bare land. Applications for MOREwoods require at least 0.5 ha (1.25 acres) of non-wooded land in total at between 1000 and 1600 trees per hectare. If a scheme is approved, and the owner can plant and maintain the trees, we will cover up to 75% of the cost of the trees, tree protection and support. We can also provide funding for new hedgerows of at least 100 metres- more information is here:*

*<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/>*

The Tees River Trust may have some funding for tree planting. Likely to require a significant area but possible to link land belonging to different owners. Spenser T will follow up with Ben Lamb. It would help to develop wildlife corridors.

##### *vii. 75th VE Anniversary Trees*

The VE project team were trying to see if they could get the Queen's Lieutenant to open the event.

Recently contacted the Vicar about planting an oak tree in the Churchyard in Rudby and Middleton. Currently awaiting a reply.

*Postscript The Vicar has passed the message to the Parish Church Council Members so they can discuss it and make a decision*

**viii. Fencing - Village Hall Play Area**

Apart from levelling the tops of the posts, the fencing from the neighbour's side to the large tree trunk is complete. The remaining fencing will be erected once the fir trees are removed. There is still some brush to remove and tidying up. The existing hawthorn has been laid. Simon Hill plans to plant the hedge on Sunday. A large amount of plastic, glass bottles, broken glass, barbed wire in the ground, etc was removed.

**ix. Tree delivery**

The trees were delivered on Tuesday.

**x. NYCC Highways**

Highways would like maps of where we would like to plant trees and the type prior to any approval for planting. This will be done over the summer to be ready for autumn/winter planting.

**xi. Land at the bottom of Crow Bank steps**

Potential owner of the land has been identified and they will be approached to check if they are the owners and whether they would allow planting.

#### **4. Planting Schedule**

Robin H has agreed to lead the planting down North End/Northfields. Once Robin has set a date, email will be circulated asking for volunteers. (A number of people at the meeting offered to help.)

Spenser T will organise the planting of the tree down the School drive. Derek S will pass across contact details.

Derek S will lead on the land near the Linen Mill and the new burial ground.

Hope to start planting ASAP.

Signs identifying trees/areas planted by the project to raise the awareness of the project was proposed. Pam D said she would see if she could get someone to design a logo.

#### **5. Next Steps**

Plant the newly arrived trees

Finish off the Play Area

Finalise plans for the VE Day trees

Plan for the summer activities

#### **6. Schedule of meetings**

Next meeting Tuesday, 31 March 2020, at 7 pm in the Chapel School Room.