

RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Meetings of the Village Pond Management Committee held at Radley College on Monday, 28 February 2005, at 7 30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr Nigel Franklin, representing Radley Primary School
Mr Paul Gamble, representing Radley College
Cr Denis Standen, representing Radley Parish Council
Clerk of Radley Parish Council

1. Review of work undertaken

Clearance work undertaken last year had proved successful. A lot of the willows planted to outline the paths had started to grow.

2. Work to be undertaken

(a) Clearance of Pond: The primary school had asked if the children could undertake some pond dipping, but there was very little in it, probably due to presence of goldfish. Nigel Franklin would speak to Rob d' Ayala to ascertain what action should be taken. Nigel Franklin had spoken to the Pond Conservation Group at Oxford Brookes University who would try to get work parties together to help out. There was a need to remove reed with small digger, and the bulrushes needed to be pulled back. Cr Standen agreed to make enquiries about the cost of hiring a digger.

(b) Trees: The trees needed to be coppiced again.

3. Priorities

- (i) Get rid of goldfish
- (ii) Shrubs to be cut back and trees/willows coppiced. Radley College boys did a very good job last year, but would not be available again until early autumn. Paul Gamble and Nigel Franklin would sort out some help early April.
- (ii) Repair/Replace perimeter fencing. Both side fences needed replacing/repairing. The original fence area on the church side would be cleared to see whether the fence could be reinstated.
- (iii) The area needed to be seeded with meadow grass
- (iv) Ascertain whether funding was available through the OCC or charities. Although the site was not open all the time to the public, it was used by the local primary school for pond dipping, Radley College pupils, and the Wild Life Explorers of the RSPB.
- (v) The hedge by the side of the path from the car park to the school had been cut recently by Radley College boys. It would be necessary to keep an eye on this to ensure further cutting took place when necessary.