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HARRISONS ROCKS MANAGEMENT GROUP (HRMG)

Minutes of meeting on May 15th 2006 at a pleasantly warm Merlins Cottage, Motts Mill, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9PE at 7pm. This meeting followed a site visit at Harrison's Rocks that started at 5pm.

Present:	Tim Skinner	Chair
	Geoff Pearson	BMC
	Linda Myers,	Wealden DC
	Sarah Butler	Local Resident
	Bob Moulton	BMC
	Sarah Cullen	BMC
	Nigel Head	BMC
	Martin Brice	BMC
	Tim Daniells	BMC
	Chris Tullis	Site Warden

Action

1 Welcome and Apologies

2 Minutes of the last meeting (23.01.06)

Agreed. TS said item 12 Signs should be denoted as item 10.

TD asked for minutes to be sent to his work email address.

3 Matters Arising not covered in other items below

3a Misuse of the car-park LM said she has asked neighbours to monitor the situation and has spoken to Police Community Support Officers for the area. The Parish Council was aware there had been comments made about the car park. CT said he was aware of no problems apart from one small bonfire by campers, which he had been called to and dealt with promptly and firmly.

3b Stabilization of holds etc. Bow Window to be checked. Two Toed sloth – a hold had broken but the surrounding rock was ironstone so was quite hard and would not need to be resined.

3c Wealden DC . recycling: FC may wish to pursue this when it acquires the car park. LM advised on possibility of grants from Wealden DC.

3d Birchden Wood TS had asked about the Forest Design Plan and had been informed little had happened so far and he would be kept informed.

3e Bequest of £1,000 and trust fund. TS had asked for details of the bequest. NH reported on his research into setting up a charitable trust that would assist with the maintenance of the Rocks. David Unwin, a charity commissioner, to be contacted for advice.by BM. TD volunteered to set the trust up. **BM TD**

4 Future ownership and management arrangements

4a The Rocks TS has written to Dave Turnbull, chief executive of BMC, on this issue but had no reply as yet. BM said the solicitors were talking to each other re the transfer.

4b The car-park as above

4c The campsite as above

5 Harrison's Rocks Work and Site Manager's report

- 5a** **Cement work** . Nothing to report.
- 5b** **Resin work** Nothing to report.
- 5c** **Bolts** Group was presented with a report on the bolt testing. TS provided an update: the old centre bolt on Isolated Buttress would be removed by CT. The bolts had been tested by Mike Vetterlein, Rob Mazinke, Oliver Hill and Rob Naylor. Group asked MB to send a note of thanks. **MB**
CT
- 5d** **Woodland Management & Ground Erosion work** **CT**
CT said the ground around Vice was regularly very wet and he would have a look at the problem TS said a clearance weekend had worked near Junend Arete and the Lower Path.
- 5e** **Car Park and Toilet Block** A sink and a tap were leaking: CT would take a look. MB was asked to arrange for Julian King on Saturday to have a quick look at the plumbing for one of the gent's in the toilet block, which was regularly blocking in one place, and advise. **MB**
CT
- 5f** **Notice boards** BM updated: all in hand
- 6** **Health and Safety**
- 6a** **Notes of any accidents in the accident book** CT said there had been none.
- 6b** **Future Health and Safety Inspections** nothing to report
- 7** **Financial Report**
- 7a** **HRMG Budget** TS to ask about the £300 for staff expenses. BM to chase Dave Turnbull. **BM**
TS
- 8** **Stone Farm Rocks**
- 8a** **Woodland Management & Ground Erosion work** TS said the clearance weekend had been a great success. 100 trees had been planted.
- 8b** **Resin work** nothing to report.
- 8c** **Notice boards** BM said noticeboards were being ordered. .
- 8d** **Fencing and stile** BM updated. Tenders had been asked for and an order placed. Ther work should be done in May.
- 8e** **EGCC:** TS has asked EGCC if it would like to help at Stone Farm.
- 9** **AOB**
- 9a** **Sandstone Open Day** MB updated the Group on arrangements. Group asked him to contact Steve Jackson re signs for the day. **MB**
- 10** **Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held at EVOLUTION climbing wall on Monday November 6 2006 at 7pm. Meeting, which was underway at 7.09pm, closed at 8.59pm, being a period of less than two hours.