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HARRISONS ROCKS MANAGEMENT GROUP (HRMG)

Minutes of meeting held on November 6th 2006 at Evolution Climbing Wall, Plumyfeather Farm, Lye Green at 7.15pm.

Present:	Tim Skinner	Chair
	Geoff Pearson	BMC
	Frank Shannon	Wealden DC
	Sarah Butler	Local Resident
	Sarah Cullen	BMC
	Nigel Head	BMC
	Martin Brice	BMC
	Tim Daniells	BMC
	Chris Tullis	Site Warden

- Action
- 1 Welcome and Apologies**
Apologies were received from Bob Moulton.
 - 2 Minutes of the last meeting (15.05.06)**
Agreed.
 - 3 Matters Arising not covered in other items below**
 - 3a Misuse of the car park: The situation had calmed down considerably. It was agreed that it would continue to be monitored.
 - 3b Stabilization of holds etc: TD reported that a hold on Piecemeal Wall needed painting. FS to look at cementing/resining the hold on Pelmet. FS
 - 3c Wealden DCL: SB reported that no money was available from the council for ongoing maintenance, but that we could apply for funds for capital projects.
 - 3d Bequest of £1000 and Trust Fund: TS had had no reply to his letter to the solicitors asking for more information about the bequest. TD reported that a trust fund could be set up quite easily. A constitution and objectives needed to be decided. The Southern Sandstone Charitable Trust was suggested as a name. TD will bring suggested objectives to the next meeting for discussion. TD
 - 3e Vice Area: CT reported that it seemed to be drying out and that no immediate action was required.
 - 4 Future ownership and management arrangements**
 - 4a The Rocks: TS had little to report, except that the solicitors were still talking to each other. FS suggested that HRMG ask for a formal update on progress. TS to contact Dave Turnbull regarding this. TS
 - 4b The Car Park: as above
 - 4c The Campsite: as above
 - 5 Harrison's Rocks Work and Site Manager's report**
 - 5a Cement work: CT had nothing to report. GP reported two bad rope grooves on Wailing Wall needed urgent attention. CT
 - 5b Resin work: nothing to report.
 - 5c Bolts: CT to carry out the placement of extra bolts as per the inspection report. CT

- 5d Woodland Management & Ground Erosion: work CT said that he had had several adverse comments about the Forest Enterprise work in Birchden Wood. TD pointed out that they had not informed CT and had blocked emergency access to the rocks with their vehicles. It was agreed that TS would write to them to point this out. TS
- 5e Car Park and Toilet Block: CT reported that he had fixed the blocked toilet.
- 5f Notice boards: CT reported that the new notice boards had been put up.
- 5g Croydon MC Work Meet: CT reported that they had cleared the area around North Boulder and had done a good job.
- 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: CT reported that Forest Enterprise had sent an electrician and builder to inspect the toilet block.
- 7 Financial Report**
- 7a HRMG Budget: TS reported that there had been some changes to the spreadsheet (in terms of rationalisation of rows and more detail) following correspondence with Alan Brown at the BMC. A copy of the spreadsheet is attached.
- 8 Stone Farm Rocks**
- 8a Woodland Management & Ground Erosion work: TS reported that the trees planted in the spring appeared to be doing well. He also reported that the revetment below Remote had broken and a drainage channel was forming. A small amount of repair work was needed, possible using volunteer labour supervised by CT.
- 8b Resin work: a small amount is needed in various locations.
- 8c Noticeboards: CT said that these will be replaced very soon. CT
- 8d Fencing and Stile: the new fencing looks very good, especially the post and rail section by the Inaccessible Boulder.
- 8e EGCC: TS has had no reply from the club to his request for manpower or financial contributions towards the rocks.
- 9 AOB**
- 9a Sandstone Volunteer Day: requests will be made for volunteers to carry out the ground erosion work at Stone Farm (8a above) and to continue the clearance work at the north end of Harrison's at the SVG/SOM meeting next weekend (12th of November). FS suggested a provisional date be put forward for the work and one of the days between Christmas & New year was suggested. TS
- 9b Bolts Meeting: TS and BM met with Dan Middleton from the BMC bolts committee to show him the materials and techniques used and the unique requirements of the bolts on Southern Sandstone. The meeting was very successful and Dan said that he was very happy with the approach we are taking.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting will be held at Evolution climbing wall on Monday January 15th 2007, at 7pm.