## **SILENCE HERITAGE SITE**

## Unadopted Minutes of the meeting held at Burkekin Hall – Monday 12 June 2006

Present:	Peter Miles	(Hucklow)
	Patricia Miles	(Hucklow)
	Nick Williams	(Hucklow)
	Hester Messom	(Hucklow)
	Henry Folkard	(Silly Dale)
	Derek Lee	(Foolow)
	Dave Martin	(Foolow)

- In attendance Richard Eastwood (Clerk & Project Manager) Rebekka Newman (PDNP)
- Apologies: Roland Butcher, Chris Taylor, Tony Palmer, Richard Johnson
- Nick Williams has finalised the Constitution as previously circulated/posted but advises that there should be a final sub-section stating that "The Organisation shall at all times be governed by the laws of England". This was agreed (proposed Patricia Miles, seconded Derek Lee) and adopted unanimously.

It was further (proposed Derek Lee, seconded Peter Miles) that the Constitution be formally adopted and agreed unanimously.

This will now be sent to the Charity Commissioners who have indicated that they hope to respond in principle within 15 days and aim, if all is well, to register the Charity within 4 months.

- 2) Appropriate forms for registration of individual members of the proposed Charity were signed by those present.
- It was understood that the lottery (via Your Heritage) will accept funding application prior to registration of the Charity.
- 4) Nick Williams was formally thanked by those present for the considerable work put into the matter of Charity registration.

- 5) It was proposed that the site be registered under the CROW Act 2000 as Public Access Land. It is understood that if this is done the landowners potential responsibility to visitors lies only in respect of 'man made hazard'. This may seem to be limited to shafts, none of which are exposed.
- 6) A copy of the District Valuer's valuation of the land at a purchase price of sis received. It was noted that under CPO arrangements this money must be lodged with the Courts for 12 years. It is not known if interest is receivable.
- 7) Discussion took place regarding application to Your Heritage for funding. Hester Messom has made progress with filling in the form, although there is difficulty in downloading this in hardcopy. It was agreed that Richard Eastwood would act as Project Manager and be so named to the funders. He is available most days to direct work as may be needed on site, to engage contractors etc. HM and RE will confer with assistance as necessary from NW and others. (Post Meeting Note: HM has handed her draft to RE and it is hoped that this will be completed and lodged by 23 June).
- 8) Rebekka Newman has accessed separate funding for pond creation/clearance. It was noted that this should not be called upon until main funding was agreed to avoid prejudicing that income stream.
- 9) Derek Lee has talked to his neighbour, a solicitor, about raising funds by debentures. Although this looks a good potential fall-back position if grants are unavailable it is pointed out that it is a complex matter. There is good reason to hope that the Parishes would be able to raise certain money through conventional 'social' fund raising efforts. Debentures do, of course, carry the risk that if the 'owner' of the land emerges there could be difficulty over repayment.
- It will be necessary to appoint three Property Holding Trustees (a separate body of persons from Charity Members/Trustees). It was agreed that Henry Folkard, Nick Williams and Richard Eastwood, being willing so to act, could take on this role.