



# Annual General Meeting 2023





# Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 **M**atters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting (Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022)
- 4 Review of 2022 and Current Plans for 2023
  - Review of 2022
  - Treasurer's Report for 2022
  - Plans for 2023
- 5 Election of Committee Officers & Members
- 6 Update on Proposed Developments:
  - Harrogate Spring Water
  - Council Nurseries
- 7 Save Rotary Wood (Again) Campaign: Update by Sarah Gibbs
- 8 Update & Plans from Harrogate/North Yorkshire Council: Kate Dawson
- 9 Any Other Business



## Statement from Cllr Michael Schofield

“I wish to let all members know that as of April the 1<sup>st</sup> there is to be one phone number for all Council Queries however the number has not yet been released. The number will be automated and after a series of questions will direct the caller to the relevant department/officer.

I am led to believe that going forward business as they say will carry on as normal with Harrogate officers providing the same support as they have as HBC. I would very much welcome the chance to attend your next meeting to discuss the structure in depth and share how the new Unitary Council is working.

I unfortunately am as just as much in the dark as all of you with regards to how a “Harrogate Town Council” will work and what responsibilities they would be given. I do apologies for not having much information at this time which I admit for myself is quite disturbing as we are being asked to vote on something that we know very little about. Should anyone wish to contact me please feel free to e-mail me.”



# Review of 2022



# Maintenance & Improvements

- Litter picks continue with local, schools groups and businesses
- Continuation of professional (and volunteering) balsam removal
- Delays in undertaking of actions in councils management plan
- Removal of graffiti & large dens
- Dog waste signs erected (and meeting with dog warden)
- Signpost on recreation ground fixed (thanks to men in sheds!)





# Groups Continue

- **Bird Feeding:** Group of refilling daily in all weathers! (with bark path added)
- **Litter Picking:** Group sharing updates and collecting weekly
- **Log Cutting:** Removal of fallen trees with nature stacking of logs





# Finance Update

**THE PINEWOODS CONSERVATION GROUP**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>		
Members' subscriptions and donations	797	913
Corporate members and affiliations	25	25
Other donations and sponsorship	217	785
Contributions to professional fees fund	-	-
Bank interest	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,040	1,723
<b>Fund raising income</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>1,040</u>	<u>1,723</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Pinewoods enhancement and development</b>		
Maintenance	100	661
Affiliate subscriptions	20	20
Bird feeding	276	746
Bat boxes and inspection	-	-
Balsam control	3,344	1,152
Irongate Field costs	<u>96</u>	<u>89</u>
	3,836	2,668
<b>Administration</b>		
Professional fees	-	216
Insurance (BTCV)	<u>225</u>	<u>224</u>
	225	440
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>4,061</u>	<u>3,108</u>
<b>(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>(£3,021)</u>	<u>(£1,385)</u>
Restricted funds	-	(216)
Unrestricted funds	<u>(3,021)</u>	<u>(1,169)</u>
	<u>(£3,021)</u>	<u>(£1,385)</u>



**THE PINEWOODS CONSERVATION GROUP  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Lloyds Bank Group – current account	10,182	13,203
Lloyds Bank Group – deposit account	<u>2,289</u>	<u>2,288</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>£12,471</u></b>	<b><u>£15,492</u></b>
 Financed by:		
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund at 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022	11,628	12,797
(Deficit) for the year	<u>(3,021)</u>	<u>(1,169)</u>
General fund at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022	<u>8,607</u>	<u>11,628</u>
 Restricted funds:		
Professional fees fund at 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022	3,864	4,080
Contributions	-	-
Expenses paid	<u>-</u>	<u>(216)</u>
Professional fees fund at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022	<u>3,864</u>	<u>3,864</u>
 <b>Funds carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022</b>	<b><u>£12,471</u></b>	<b><u>£15,492</u></b>

**Need:**

- somebody to propose acceptance
- Somebody to second



# Plans for 2023



# 2023 Priorities

- Steps for viewpoint and binocular repairs
- New welcome signs with rules/bye laws
- New Information board for bird feeding station
- Layby on Harlow Moor Road
- Look at funds for footpath works – will need S106 funds and grants
- Dealing with anti social behaviour



Harrogate Pinewoods - Images of drug abuse, fires and ASB





# Jim Clark Memorial

- Committee member for 15 years
- Represented the Pinewoods area for both Harrogate Council and North Yorkshire Council as councillor
- Very vocal (!) in defence of Rotary Wood
- Consideration for a permanent memorial but ideas welcome





# Election of Committee Officers & Members

## Current Committee

- Neil Hind (Chair)
- Iain Ward-Campbell (Treasurer)
- Lucy Hind (Secretary)
- Christine Ward-Campbell
- Geoff Scurrah
- Carolyn Rothwell
- Caroline Bryce
- Mike Fox
- **Lyndon Wallace**

### Need:

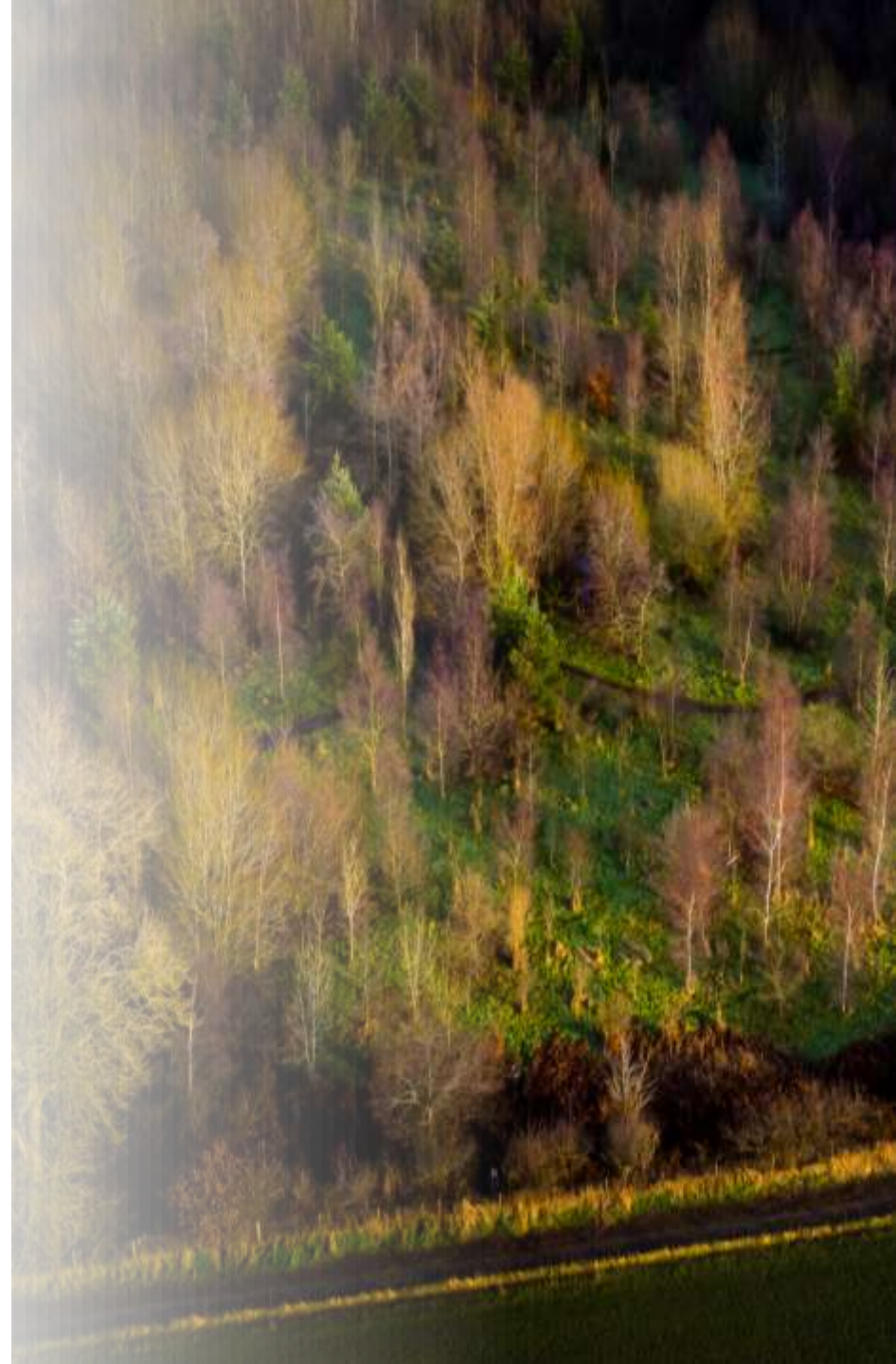
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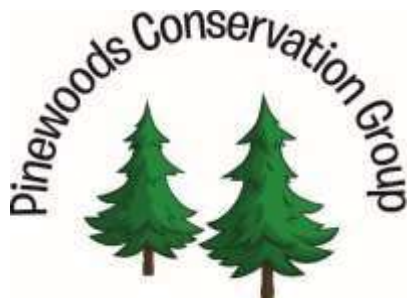


## Update on Rotary Wood

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- Current approved outline planning for smaller extension remains but now very dated (2017)
- Amended plans now very overdue (reserved matters submitted May 2020)
- “Save Rotary Wood (Again)” Group keeping people aware of continued threat





## Update from HSWL

*“Following the public consultation last year, we have and are continuing to review the feedback and develop the scheme.*

*We are reviewing our plans in light of feedback we have received and are working towards a solution that will deliver for the people of Harrogate, the town and for Harrogate Spring Water. We are currently exploring options to address points raised during the course of our consultation process and remain committed to a detailed public consultation on these plans when we are ready to share the updated scheme.*

*We plan to host a public drop-in exhibition, as well as engage directly with yourselves and other key groups, so we will be in touch with you once we are in a position to do so.”*





## “New” Planning Process

- New Harrogate & Knaresborough planning committee on North Yorkshire Council from April
- Councillor Pat Marsh (LD) will chair with vice-chair Paul Haslam (Con)
- The committee’s other members will be:
  - Chris Aldred (LD)
  - Philip Broadbank (LD)
  - Hannah Gostlow (LD)
  - John Mann (Con)
  - Robert Windass (Con)

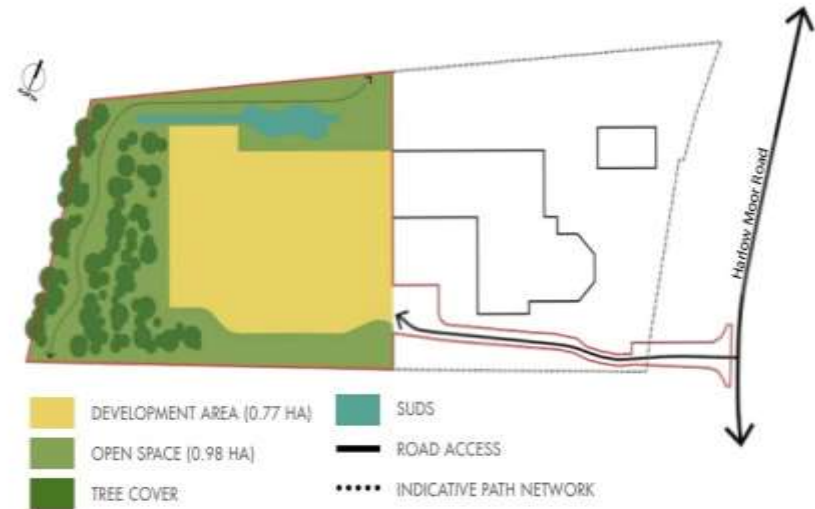


FIGURE 1: APPLICATION PLAN 2017

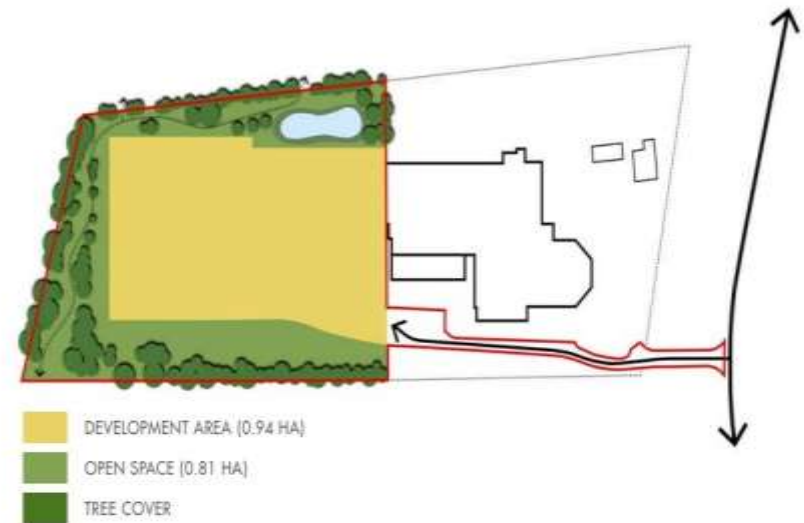


FIGURE 2: S.73 APPLICATION PLAN 2019



# Update on Council Nurseries

- Harlow Nurseries (site ref: H65) allocated for residential with a potential yield of 40 dwellings
- Draft plans shared show 57-62 dwellings
- Plans approved by council to dispose of land. Will be down to NYC to complete
- Bowling club to remain
- Access issues remain

## Site Strategy

- Redirect vehicle access to retain amenity of public right of way
- Avoid significant level change
- Four development plots
- Active frontages to key routes
- Retain and enhance the green character of the site





**SAVE ROTARY WOOD  
(AGAIN)**

**Sarah Gibbs**



**Update from  
Harrogate/North Yorkshire  
Councils  
Kate Dawson**



- Any Other Business?