

**zBORDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
NATURE RESERVE WORKING GROUP**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Present – Cllrs Nicola Butlin, John Emery and Mike Baldock**

- The Lease expires next year. Cllr Baldock agreed to chase this via the contact he made last year.
- Section 106 – the FOBNR were asked to think what they could do with such a huge chunk of money. Suggestions were:-
  - Identity boards for birdwatching
  - Seating (logs)
  - Heavy duty obstacles at entrance points to stop quad bikes etc
  - Hide

They are concerned as to what happens if the Lease is not renewed and the money has been spent. Perhaps someone could advise on this?

- One member of FOBNR was very upset about the Arboriculture Survey and its recommendations. She felt FOBNR should have been consulted on this. Cllr Emery and I explained this was done for insurance, and health and safety reasons and had been done to all trees under BPC care. Cllr Emery also explained the reason for the ivy being severed on the 62 trees, which she was extremely unhappy about. FOBNR would like to see the Survey. Is this ok for me to pass on?
- Since the meeting I have been emailed and told there is a tawny owl living in one tree. When the tree works begin, the tree surgeons need to be made aware, though I have not been told of its location.

Strangely enough there has been no reports of camp sites or unruly behaviour in the NR. Whilst this is great, now the warmer weather looks like it may come and join us and the lighter nights, expectations are that this will change. Can all Councillors be mindful of this and if they see anything untoward, make an online crime report using this link. We still have a PCSO and this is his preference for contact:- <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

**Nicola**