MEETING OF THE WOODHALL SPA TREE COMMITTEE 19 March 2008

Present; Mr Will Saunders (in the Chair),
Mr Tim Curtis, Mrs Pamela Kalinowski, Mr Piotr Kalinowski, Mrs Pat Wheat and Mr Jan Wrebel

1.	Apologies were received from Chris Astill, Daphne Robinson and Paul Webb	
2.	**Peter Lowe from Woodland Trust** attended and made the following points:- - Briefly set out his previous contacts with Piotr and Parish Council. - Said that WT undergoing a restructure soon – he is currently responsible for Lincolnshire, Derby and Notts. - WT has spent about £18,000 recently on Pinewoods – bridges, path widening, cutting back shrubs – this was a one off and in future only £200/300 would be spent annually. - Welcomed idea of community management so long as in accord with aims of WT and said that there was a precedent for leasing a wood to community group (Boston Woods Trust). WS asked to see copy of the Boston Woods Trust Lease – this agreed. Piotr agreed to find out how Boston Woods Trust structured from Adrian Isaac. - Basic terms would be – no development; free public access; managed on conservation grounds etc - Would be legal costs and peppercorn rent for 99 year lease. If the Parish Council is not the lessee we would need to set up a body (possibly Not For Profit Company Limited by Guarantee) to take on the lease – details of this to be decided with the Parish Council. - Once we are ready to go he would report to Property and Acquisitions group of WT for go ahead. **Conservation v Amenity** – views amongst the groups as to the level of management ranged from Tim and Yan who just wanted it tidied up to Piotr and Pamela who had more ambitious plans to be carried out over long time span. Peter said that area large enough to have different types of management – arboretum area, wet area for ponds etc. He did not favour planting rhododendrons partly because of encouraging sudden oak death. **Agreed that next steps are as follows**:- - Get information on Boston Woods Trust - Talk to Parish Council – (Boston Woods precedent, Parish Plan mandate, WT window of opportunity, new Tree Committee impetus) - Create agreed organisation - Set up Lease - Hand over – publicity will be joint effort with WT - Implement Management Plan The Committee thanked Peter Lowe for attending. His contact details are Mob:07979704451; Tel:01777 860001; peterlowe@woodlandtrust.org.uk	ACTION PL/WS/PiK
3.	Note of the previous meeting held on 22 February received with one amendment in that Piotr was added to the action list re 12 Gorse Close.	
4.	Matters Arising Kirkby Lane Cemetery – Piotr reported that he had been unable to obtain a	WS/PiK

	copy of the relevant plan of the trees concerned. Will said he would talk to Daphne and get a plan to Piotr. Communications – Pat to e-mail Wendy and ELDC to make sure they have up to date contact list.	 PW
5.	Tree Planting Pat suggested the group identifies areas of land that could be sites for tree planting and then organise community tree planting in November using volunteers, schools scouts and getting saplings from Parish Council and sponsors. Agreed all will try to identify one site and refer to Parish Plan for sites. Agreed to ask Daphne and Chairs how the Parish Council allocates saplings at the moment from their annual batch of 25.	 All DR/CA
6.	<u>Any Other Business</u> Next Meeting – **Friday 28 March at 6p.m.**	