West Manhood Drainage Improvement Group

Attached is a scanned copy of the document found in the Archives.
I have shared this with The Conservancy who agree that it would be a sound basis for updating a new, updated management plan. They will consider helping with volunteers.

We already have an application in to the EA to lower the water level 200mm awaiting response since April.

Amongst other thing you will note the absence of an Island!
Clearly an addition after 1985, it may have seemed like a good idea but massively adds to the leaf and grass material that fills the pond up.

In updating this plan, I suggest re instatement to the original would be desirable and then the addition of a boarded walkway on the Parish Council land with a bridge over the stream at the back to make a circular route.
We could seek local private funding for the walkway after the dredging.

The Wetlands Project team and the Conservancy would like the back of the pond to be relatively wild apart from a walkway that would also help with maintenance. The coppice must be at least halved in growth.

We can start thinning end of September, Chris Watson will organise a volunteer group.

Can the PC approve this in principle please before We progress to a more detailed plan?

We must also act to stop dumping of grass and garden waste.

Jim Dunn 06.09.16