# Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2014

- 1. Welcome and new members: Membership remains static. Subs are due in May
- 2. Apologies: Karen Barnes, Steve and Linda Hobson, Pauline McCartney, Claire Simpson.
- 3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Frances Clisham, seconded: Julie Sico.
- 4. Matters Arising: None.
- 5. **Books to borrow or return:** Janet Blackburn kindly donated several equine related books to add to the Groups growing number of titles available for loan. Contact Eve 01524 824205 if you'd like to loan or return books.
- 6. **Photos for the website:** Thank you to members Helen Moore, Bridget Pickthall and Karen Barnes who submitted photos for the website, they can be viewed at <u>www.nlbs.org.uk</u>, click on the "Meet the NLBS" tab. If anyone has photos they'd like to share please send them to Frances at email: <u>f.clisham@btinternet.com</u> or bring them along to a meeting.
- 7. **Christmas meal:** A very enjoyable evening was had at the Smithy, Holme. Our thanks go to Sheila Kissack for organising the meal.

### 8. Help on the day required:

- (i) Whittington Races Easter Saturday 19 April 2014: Help is required collecting gate money from about 10am on the day of the races. If you would like to help contact Eve 01524 824205.
- (ii) Annual Fundraising Ride Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Farleton area (nr Burton in Kendal). Help required. Every little helps and a couple of hours manning a gate would be very much appreciated by those taking part. Contact Eve: 01524 824205.
- 9. **Talk for Farmers** Eve, Sheila and Julie gave a talk to the Milnthorpe and Burton farmers discussion group which was well received
- 10. **Signs at VVV Leisure:** The coastal path, passing in front of VVV Leisure and joining the north end of Marine Road, Morecambe, has been badly eroded by recent storms and high tides. The now narrow access is often blocked by vehicles using VVV car park. Horse riders use this section to avoid having to ride along the busy A5105. The Group have approached VVV Leisure and offered to fund the erection of a sign, with appropriate wording, to indicate access is required and not to block the access.
- 11. **Kirkby Lonsdale gates** The contractor is working hard to ensure the previously identified gates are repaired.
- 12. Attempted break-in: There has been a recent incident in the Milnthorpe area where a padlock was broken in an attempted burglary but nothing taken. A member also reported a sighting of person/s acting suspiciously close to a local stableyard.

#### 13. Any other business: None

The speaker for the evening was Cedric Robinson MBE who regaled us with tales of the horses he'd owned and worked with during his time as a fisherman in Morecambe Bay.

# Annual General Meeting : Tuesday, 13 May 2014

Talk by Westgate Laboratories who provide postal worm count services

#### Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB Please come along and bring a friend