

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 39 Poland House, 19/01/15

1. Present and apologies

Present: Chris, Neil, Sheila, Steve, Trevor, Peter, Marek and Peggy.

Apologies: Ron, Kevin, Lynn and Steve

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's report

Peggy reported that the auditor (John Harrison) had the books but assuming that everything was in order then the figures were as follows:

Income to 31/12/14: £1287.092.09 (+ b/f £1121.82)

Expenditure to 31/12/14: £1053.41.

Balance as at 31/12/14 £1355.50.

Peggy noted that it would be unlikely that we would obtain grants as we had in the past, once the Chiltern Common Project came to an end.

4. Membership Secretary's report

132 members YTD.

After further consideration it was proposed that membership cards be continued but with space for people to write in their own names. Agreed by everyone.

It was also hoped that Seasons (the farm shop in North Dean) would give FoNC members 10% discount on production of the membership card.

5. Working parties

There was no working party in January but the next one on 1st Feb would look at Daisy Pond and the paths around about.

It was noted that the knotweed had died back for winter and the estate had agreed to come and treat it when notified by FoNC.

Trevor noted that he had had a couple of complaints about access to the Common during the fellings but nothing major.

6. Walks

These were continuing over the winter.

7. AGM

All the arrangements for the AGM in the VH on 13/2/15 had been made, with two speakers Charles Kent and John Shaw. Trevor's wife had kindly donated some free hours' booking, so the booking fee would be reduced.

The chair, other positions and committee would be voted in at the first committee meeting following the AGM but everyone agreed to restand for election to the committee. It was agreed that a new position of vice-chair might also be appointed.

8. AOB

AOB1. The 6 potential Chiltern Rangers projects, led by John Shaw and financed by Bucks CC, had been agreed outside the meeting as follows:

- Clear scrub and small trees around Daisy Pond. (The pond on Naphill Common, near the end of Cookshall Lane.)

- Clear scrub and small trees around Shipwash Pond. (N-W edge of Common, near path H19. Access from Forge Road.)

- Clear scrub from around three surviving junipers. (Near Two Dells in the centre of the Common. Access from Chapel Lane.)
- Clear scrub and small trees around single juniper. (Near the Clumps and path H2/BW85. Access from Bradenham.)
- Clear scrub and small trees around Lady Horse Pond. (At junction of paths H19 and H18/BW. Access from Forge Road or Bradenham.)
- Clear approx. half acre of scrub and small trees to produce a clearing for planting juniper cuttings. Exact location to be decided.

It was confirmed that the Rangers had their own insurance and that the parties would comprise around 25 people.

AOB 2. Marion offered to bring her 1904 census books to the AGM for perusal, to which everyone agreed with many thanks.

AOB 3. Lynn offered to email the membership about the AGM - accepted with thanks.

AOB 4. Footprint Pathology was to hold a training course in the area at £200, which was declined on cost grounds.

9. Date of next meeting

MONDAY 23/3/15 at 7.30 in Poland House. Thanks were expressed again to Marek for his hosting of the meetings.