

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MEETING NO. 10

9th February 2010

1. Attendees

Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Trevor Hussey, Stephanie Morgan, Kevin Bennett, Steve Rodrick, David Greenwood, Ron Collins, Daisy Leek

2. Apologies

Peggy Ewart, Marek Pawlik

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- The minutes of Meetings No 8 and 9 were accepted and approved.
- Matters arising from meeting No 9:
 - (a) Trevor wrote to Sir Edward Dashwood again on 29/12/09 saying we can't get a reply from Mr Fincken and asking whether he could help. There's been no reply to date.
 - (b) Trevor wrote to Doug Wallace of Natural England on 8/2/10, regarding Mr Fincken's lack of response and also requesting permission for Mr Taylor (Entomologist) to do a survey. Trevor stated the lack of permission to work on the Common is becoming an urgent problem following the damage this winter to the Juniper bushes. We have been advised by Andy McVeigh to clear around the bushes but cannot without permission.

4. Elections of Officers

The following were elected unopposed as Officers of the Committee.

Chairman	Trevor Hussey
Treasurer	Peggy Ewart
Membership Secretary	Stephanie Morgan
Minutes Secretary	Kevin Bennett
Webmaster	Peter Davis

The remainder of the Committee comprises: Marek Pawlik, Philip Hussey, Steve Rodrick, David Greenwood, Ron Collins and Daisy Leek.

5. Treasurer's report

With £483.56 brought forward from 2009 and £317.00 membership fees this year to date, the income is £800.56. Expenses so far this year have been £72.05. Giving a balance on 9th Feb of £728.51. We agreed to buy our auditor a bottle of wine, **action Trevor and Peggy.**

6. Membership Secretary's report

Our total membership stands at 120. Of these, 69 have renewed last years membership so far. Stephanie will chase the others.

We agreed a leaflet drop to all the homes in Naphill that are not yet members. **Trevor** will draft a letter explaining the benefits of supporting FoNC, the bottom half to be a tear-off membership form. This is to include tick boxes to allow the recipient to

indicate any areas of interest. We will enclose the coloured leaflet produced a year ago. About 400 copies will be needed. **Distribution by all.**

7. Future activities.

- Walks for Health confirmed for 15 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul, 16 Aug, 20 Sep, 18 Oct, 15 Nov, 20 Dec. All by **Ron Collins** except 17 May.
- 28 March; Working party to clear paths or put up notice boards. Meet at Chapel Lane 10am-1pm.
- 9 May; Walk the boundary of the Common, beat the boundary on Rogation Day.
- 12 June; stall at the fete. **Marquee by Steve** again.
- 20 June; Midsummer picnic.
- Other ideas to be sorted:
 - Bat detection, June
 - Moth trapping
 - Sculpture trail, Keith Wilkins, Bucks Art week or another time? **Trevor to ask.**
 - Talk on Drovers, next years AGM?
 - Archaeology talk, Gary Marshall
 - Butterfly hunt
 - Fungal foray

8. Notice boards

There has been a wide difference in the quotations received, eg for Oak: £5540-£8758 (excluding installation). The costs are higher than anticipated and there is a funding shortfall.

Approx cost:	Frames, oak 5no.	2925
	Posters	2000
	Design	620
	Lettering*	<u>600</u>
		6145

*carve "Naphill Common" on 4 signs and "Naphill and Downley Commons" on the other.

Funds:	Natural Eng grant	2000
	County Council grant	<u>600</u>
	Shortfall	3545

Possible extra funding:

Chilterns Conservn	2600	(Steve to check)
Parish Council	500	(Trevor to check)
Councillors funds	300	(Steve to check)
FoNC	<u>200</u>	
	3600	

We Agreed to go ahead with the quotations from Paul Thomas/Glyn Kuhn, **action Philip.**

Make 5 signs and locate at current locations (Hunts Hill La, Downley Rd, Chapel La, Forge Rd, Bradenham).

The posters on the boards will need to contain the following:

- Map with footpaths in blue and bridleways in yellow, path numbers and pond names
- Photos of animals/plants, eg red kite, fungus, star fruit, woodpecker, Dor beetle.
- Grid reference of each notice board location, ie at the current locations
- An old photo showing how it used to look
- A location map showing relationship with Bradenham Wood and Downley Common
- Advice on right to roam and acknowledgement to Natural England's grant
- SSSI and SAC designations
- Acknowledgement to other grants.
- FoNC logo and space for upcoming event notices

Design by **Philip**.

Logos and SSSI/SAC/Open Access statements by **Steve**.

9. Management Plan

Agreed to put the Mini, Midi and Maxi scopes as steps in the plan.

10. Any other business

Trevor felt we needed a new post, head of working parties. Steve agreed to help in a technical/advisory capacity and Ron agreed to run things on the day. We felt a regular time, day and meeting place would be advantageous. We must have insurance, **action Trevor and Peggy**.

11. Next committee meeting

Monday 22nd March 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House.

Distribution:

Committee members

FoNC website

Minutes prepared by: Kevin Bennett, Secretary

13/2/10

Minutes approved by:

Trevor Hussey, Chairman

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