

## FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

### COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 14

26<sup>th</sup> July 2010

#### 1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Stephanie Morgan, Kevin Bennett, Marek Pawlik, Daisy Leek, David Greenwood

#### 2. Apologies

Ron Collins, Steve Rodrick, Peggy Ewart,

#### 3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 8 awards; applied for by Trevor
- The minutes of Meeting 13 were accepted and approved.
- No further arising

#### 4. Treasurer's report

A statement from Peggy was read by Trevor: £580 in hand with a further £100 agreed but not yet received from Parish Council (assumed as a contribution to tools). Lynn Turner of the Parish Council had contacted us about tools they needed to dispose of. Trevor has taken what we need.

#### 5. Membership Secretary's report

There is a further £107 from new memberships to hand to the Treasurer. We have 192 members now. This includes 12 new plus 6 renewals from the fete onwards. It also includes 32 of last year's members who have not renewed of which 14 are outside of Naphill/Walters Ash. Our paid-up membership is thus 160 currently.

#### 6. Royal Forestry Society visit

They wish to see old pollards and the junipers. **Philip** will show them around, Steve and Peter to attend too. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept at approx 2pm.

#### 7. Recent Events

Mid-summer picnic. We need to advise the man with the dogs in the cottage opposite the Umbrella Tree next year that the picnic is going ahead.

Fete; we agreed to offer the same as last year to the fete committee as a donation for allowing us to put up a stand. We recruited 6 new members on the day.

#### 8. Future activities.

- 20 Sept; walk for health. Ron can't do it, **Philip** to cover.
- 3 October; Fungal Foray.
- Bats survey; **Trevor** to contact Bucks Bat Group.
- Tree survey; **Philip** to contact Peter Legg.

#### 9. Chiltern Conservation Board

If they get their award they are contemplating a full-time warden to cover all the Chiltern Commons. Trevor supplied information to the Chiltern Conservation Board on the history of Naphill Common. Further news is awaited shortly.

**10. Complaints**

Trevor has received complaints from a variety of sources regarding dog fouling, dogs chasing deer, mowing, stealing flowers, rubbish, etc. We agreed FoNC does not want to become the Common’s “enforcer” but we can issue guidance. **Trevor** to include such advice in the next Gazettee. A red bin on the Common for dog waste? Annual mowing late July after the plants have seeded. **Daisy** to check whether the Village Hall Committee would pay for a dog waste bin.

**11. Any other business**

- (a) Two men are reportedly living rough on the Common. The Police have looked for them.
- (b) Graffiti on the Hunts Hill notice board.
- (c) Still no volunteers for shorter walks.
- (d) 40 people with 2 guides do organised walks from the Hughenden Valley doctors surgery. We could advertise our walks there.

**12. Next committee meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House.

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