

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 14

26th 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 28th 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 13th Sept 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House.

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