

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MEETING NO. 1

2nd December 2008

1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Peggy Ewart, Ron Collins, Michael Clarke, Daisy Leek, Marek Pawlik, Kevin Bennett, Philip Hussey, Steve Rodrick, Peter Davis

2. Apologies

Helen Collins

3. Terms of reference

Trevor H outlined the reasons for forming this group in order to take on and advance the work started by the previous Naphill Common Committee which, it was confirmed, has now been formally wound up.

Our objectives will become better defined over the coming months but initially we can say: to preserve and restore the natural beauty of the Common, to arrange talks about and walks through the Common, to improve paths and signage, to open out scrub, conduct surveys and generally to care for and promote the use of the Common.

The Common is owned by Dashwood Estates and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and we must take care to work with any restrictions Dashwood or Natural England place upon us at all times.

The group agreed on the name "Friends of Naphill Common".

The group is to be open to the whole village with as many people joining as possible. Membership fees were agreed at £5 per household. Members may get free walks, talks etc, others have to pay.

The group is to be managed by a Steering Group comprising all those attending this meeting, plus others who wish to join it. The affairs of the organisation shall be controlled by Committee.

4. Committee

The following were elected to the committee unopposed.

Chairman	Trevor Hussey
Secretary	Kevin Bennett
Treasurer	Peggy Ewart
Webmaster	Peter Davis

5. Constitution

Steve R agreed to draft a Constitution and circulate for comment. **Action Steve R**

6. Web site

The domain name www.naphillcommon.org.uk was agreed (cost £35pa). Peter D agreed to rough out a web site with blank pages for material to be added to later. It is hoped to launch the website fully by early Feb 2009. **Action Peter D**

7. Financial matters

£71 can be transferred from the old Naphill Common Committee to the new one.

Action Marek P.

Peggy E to investigate a bank account for the organisation. **Action Peggy E.**

The group will need to secure insurance.

8. Promotional work

We agreed to have a stall in the forthcoming exhibition in the Village Hall by Pam Smith on Saturday 14 Feb 2009 to launch the new group to the village. This will be promoted in the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette, Feb edition, the copy deadline being 15 Jan. **Action Trevor H.** The front cover of the Gazette is currently free in March.

Possible activities to focus on include a guided walk in March, **Action Michael C**, and an event in the Village Hall in March, **Action Trevor H.**

A logo is required, possibly a pollarded tree superimposed on the shape of the Common. **Action Philip H.**

It would be handy to have a scanner set up on 14 Feb to record images brought in by the villagers.

9. Next meeting

Monday 12 Jan 2009, 7.30pm, Poland House (opposite the Co-Op)

Distribution:

Steering Group members

FoNC website

K J Bennett, Secretary

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