

**FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON
COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 20
21st June 2011**

1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Kevin Bennett, Stephanie Morgan, Marek Pawlik, Peggy Ewart, Steve Rodrick, David Greenwood, Ron Collins

2. Apologies

Daisy Leek

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 7; The AGM has been set for 27 Jan 2012 and Jill Ayres will present.
- No further matters arising
- The minutes of Meeting 19 were accepted and approved.

4. Treasurer's report

£110.36 expenditure since the last meeting (laminating, fee for Bats walk, prizes for the fete).

Total income this year £1821.42

Total expenditure this year £ 436.70

Balance £1344.95

Need to give donation to the fete, agreed on £25. Action Peggy.

5. Membership Secretary's report

Since the last meeting there had been 5 new members join. At the fete there were 17 new members and renewals.

6. Chiltern Conservation Board

The Chiltern Conservation Board has been awarded a grant of £403,000 to spend on all the 187 Chiltern Commons, to improve and promote the commons. We promised £250 from our funds in support of the match funding criteria and this will need to be paid over the next 3 years. We need to consider what funding to apply for; equipment, training, archaeological

surveys, expert to advise on veteran trees? Only 20 commons have active friends groups.

7. **Natural England-Dashwood-Forestry Commission meeting**

Doug Wallace has replied to Trevor's letter regarding the possible tree felling, being pleased to have the expertise of FoNC to advise on where and where not to fell. A further letter from the Forestry Commission's Richard Pierce (20th June) explains that Wessex Woodland Management are the appointed woodland management agents for Dashwood Estate and they want to do ride work, control the holly, have consideration for future veteran trees and have mentioned a grant scheme for the next 5 years. We have been invited to attend a consultation meeting on Tues 12th or Tues 19th July in the morning. **Trevor** to agree to 12th **Trevor, Philip and Marek** to attend.

We need Wessex to produce a proper management plan for the whole common, planning how much timber is to be extracted per year. A 20 yr management plan is common. We should identify sensitive areas and insist we clear around them. We will publicise what is happening before the work commences, perhaps including a public meeting. Many were upset the last time work was done 15 yrs ago. Perhaps arrange a visit to Moor End Common to show how well that turned out after glades were opened out.

8. **HAG report**

HAG has held it's first meeting and conducted two walks of the common to locate archaeological features. The first history project – the timeline – is still to be arranged (**Trevor and Lyn Simmonds**). Peter has prepared a blank time line for the web site. Ron King in Stocking Lane used to work at the Broom Wade factory as the factory manager and has first hand knowledge of them building Churchill Tanks. **Stephanie** to ask her brother (who still works for them in Redditch) whether they have any archives. Next HAG meeting is Monday 11th July at 7.30 at Poland House.

9. Future Programme

- 24 June Bats detection led by the South Bucks Bat Group, 8.30pm start, Village Hall
- 26 June Midsummer picnic at the umbrella tree, 3pm at Forge Road
- 17 Jul Mini Beast Safari. The School, Guides and Brownies have been informed.
- 27 October Fungal foray, 10am at Village Hall
- 27 Jan 12, AGM and Open Meeting with Jill Ayres presenting a talk on fossils and rocks of the area.
- Work party dates: 4th Sep, 18th Sep, 2nd Oct, 18th Oct, 30th Oct, 13th Nov, 27th Nov, 11th Dec. Meet at Forge Road at 10am.

10. Any other business

- Photo competition, a small flyer to go with next newsletter. Alan Jaycock has again agreed to judge it.
- Newsletter, a piece on HAG is appropriate, action **Kevin**. Could add a piece on the grant for Commons, **Steve** to ask Kath Daly.

11. Next committee meeting

Tuesday 26th July 2011, 7.30pm, Poland House

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Trevor Hussey, Chairman
Dated