

## **FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM**

(The meeting was held on Zoom because of COVID 19 restrictions/guidance.)

#### **Chairman's report**

Unfortunately there was a shortage of activities to report because of COVID.

Membership stood at 84 plus 2 children; numbers seemed to be declining.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Members were reminded to pay their subscriptions.

The new bank account with MetroBank was operational. Details of how to pay are on the FONC website and a full name should be given to identify the payer.

Thanks to a lack of activity there was a healthy bank balance of £2,737.73 but insurance remained payable.

#### **Election of committee**

All the current members were elected unopposed. They are:

Chris Miller (Chairman)

Neil McMinn (Treasurer)

Marian Miller (Secretary)

Peter Davis (Webmaster)

Lynn McMinn (Membership Secretary)

Kevin Bennett

John Camp

Ron Collins

Peggy Ewart

Trevor Hussey

#### **Felling on the Common**

The third phase of felling was due to start in October 2021. FONC was especially concerned that this should not damage the archaeological site (interpreted as a Romano-British farmstead)

#### **Any other business**

**Pollards:** Trevor Hussey raised concerns about the condition of the veteran pollarded trees and the danger of them falling down. Expert advice will be sought.

**Wooden posts near Blacksmiths, Downley:** FONC was waiting for the West Wycombe Estate to erect replacement posts.

**Footpath along Ladies Mile:** this was very muddy because of the wet weather and heavy use, thanks to more people exercising during COVID lockdowns, It was pointed out that, despite its heavy use, this was not a legally recognised footpath. Mitigation measures could include widening the path again using the brush-cutter and spreading woodchip. The Estate could be asked if they had spare woodchip to donate. Any scrub clearance should respect the necessity of cover for nesting birds.

### **Post meeting Zoom presentation**

After the AGM Marian Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Buckinghamshire Historic Building Trust's project to restore 2/3 High Street, High Wycombe (the former Wheatsheaf pub).