

## **FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held at 7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at The Wheel, Naphill**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Kevin Bennett and Peter Davis.  
**Present:** Chris Miller (chairman) (CM), John Camp (JC), Ron Collins (RC), Peggy Ewart (PE), Neil McMinn(NM),(Treasurer), Trevor Hussey and Marian Miller (MM).
2. **Treasurer's Report:** the bank balance is £3,442. Mower expenditure £62 April/May – machine working well.
3. **Membership Secretary's report:** 84 paid-up members. Reminders will be sent.
4. **Notice boards:** no progress to report. New post for the Hunts Hill Lane board - carpenter can shape the wood when received copying the original post. (Philip Hussey had done a drawing when the boards were first erected).
5. **Working parties:** Peter Davis had sent the following report: We continue working on the Clumps. We are digging out the brambles and bashing down bracken. We have piled up the brash left by the felling of the Ash trees ready for the National Trust to come up with their tractor and grab to remove them. They started removing some of the piles this week. Some of the dry wood will be used for the ' beacon' at West Wycombe. Working on the Clumps is an ongoing task and will last until mid-October when we will start on the ponds again.  
  
Ron Collins reported that clearance is continuing behind Ladies Mile, with stumps being cut to a safe height so they are visible and less of a trip hazard. Stumps will be treated.
6. **Long and short walks:** all going well. The June short walk will be part of the Chlterns Walking Festival. There were 22 people on the last long walk.
7. **Napfest:** Silent auction – Neil to provide the gazebo, the tables to come from the Village Hall and John has display boards. It was agreed to split the profit 50/50 with the Village Hall again.
8. **Tree felling by West Wycombe estate:** the third phase is complete and ruts have been smoothed. Chris has been told the cuttings will be mulched after the bird-nesting season is over.
9. **Future Events:**
  - Marian to lead Bradenham history walk on 21<sup>st</sup> June in the evening
  - Beaver Scouts pond-dipping – Chris to help
  - Bat walk to be arranged
  - ?Revive the mini-beast safari?
10. **Any other business:**
  - **newt census** – Trevor reported the disappointing results from the two ponds investigated – Pickups and Daisy ponds - no great-crested newts at all. From 8 traps only one attracted newts, 3 smooth and 1 common. This is worse than previous years.
  - **Pickups Pond** – 2 koi carp have been seen. Parish Council informed.

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, 7.30PM AT THE WHEEL**