

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 13

24th May 2010

1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Philip Hussey, Peggy Ewart, Peter Davis, Stephanie Morgan, Kevin Bennett, Steve Rodrick

2. Apologies

David Greenwood, Ron Collins, Daisy Leek, Marek Pawlik

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- The minutes of Meetings No 11 and 12 were accepted and approved.
- No matters arising

4. Treasurer's report

Subs and donations	£1438.56
Less expenditure	<u>£ 763.58</u>
In hand	£ 674.98

The expenditure includes the £450 paid to Chilterns Conservation Board for the notice boards. Other expenses to be deducted shortly for notice board and other costs: £128.35.

Apply to Hughenden Parish Council for a grant, possibly to cover insurance. Action **Trevor** to approach Lyn Turner, clerk.

Apply to Chiltern Conservation Board for a grant, possibly to cover cost of purchasing hand tools. Action **Trevor**.

5. Membership Secretary's report

Our total membership stands at 179 with 56 new members from the recent canvassing but 26 memberships have lapsed.

6. Notice Boards

Three boards have been erected with two to be done during the 30th May working party. All fees have been paid and the financing dealt with. **Philip** is to send an email of thanks to the board makers, Paul Thomas and Glyn Kuhn.

We need an event to celebrate the boards, perhaps the front cover of the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette with a photo of Peggy and Richard Pushman with their official chains. **Trevor** to discuss with Judy Whitehouse, **Peter** to send photos.

7. Future activities.

- 6 June; Moored Common visit, meet in Village Hall car park at 10am. Katy Dunn to be our guide.
- 12 June; stall at the fete. Marquee by **Steve**. A quiz - animal skulls and leaves by **Trevor**, prizes by **Steve**. Montage photos by **Peter**, printing by **Steve**. Poster needed advertising second walk leader for walks for health.
- 20 June; Midsummer picnic at the Umbrella Tree, meet in Forge Road at 3pm.
- 3 October; Fungal Foray.
- Surveys; grasses, tree recognition? **Trevor**/Peter Legg.
- 21 Jan 2011 AGM; John Morris to speak on the archaeology of Naphill Common and the wider area? **Trevor** to ask.

8. Awards

Agreed we would apply for the Chilterns Understanding and Enjoyment Award again citing notice boards, Gazette articles, maps, newsletter and website.

9. Any other business

- (a) On Tuesday 28 Sept, the Royal Forestry Society wishes to visit Park Wood in the morning then Naphill Common from 2-4pm. In particular, they are interested in old pollards and the junipers. John Morris of Chiltern Woodland project. **Philip, Peter and Steve** to attend.

- (b) Possibly approach pubs for funding as we've put them on our notice boards.
- (c) Keith Wilkins' idea to have artists working in the Common. Suggest this would be better next year when Chilterns Conservation Board may have a grant to permit this event to be better supported.
- (d) Mini-beast safari booked for *next year* 16 or 17 July with John Tyler, £60.
- (e) No news on Mr Finckum.
- (f) Plant Life has asked us to write in about our Junipers.

10. Next committee meeting

Monday 26th July 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House.