

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING № 51 HELD 9 OCT 2017, 7.30pm THE WHEEL pub

1. Apologies for absence and present.

Apologies from all those absent, i.e. Kevin, Lynn, Marek and Philip. Present were Chris, John, Neill, Peggy, Peter, Trevor and Sheila.

2. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising not on the agenda.

The minutes were agreed, (confirming £1,166 as the Fete sum raised).

Matters arising (i) there would be no mini beast safari in 2017, but one would be organised for 2018; (ii) the family day idea would not be pursued further; (iii) the FoNC short walk had been posted on the CCB Walkers' Festival website and had attracted an additional 6 people at the event (the long walk could not be posted as the route was not available sufficiently far in advance); (iv) the bat walk had taken place successfully with 30 attendees; (v) the fungus walk was scheduled for 5/11 and, as previously, was to be led by the Bucks Fungus Group. There would also be a "show and tell" display in the village hall at 3pm after the event.

3. Treasurer's report:

Expenditure to date: £747.63 to date.

Income: £540 to date.

Noted that we were currently using our reserves as expenditure exceeded annual income.

4. Membership secretary's report

On behalf of Lynn, Neil noted the total membership was 102; 62 members had not renewed since 2015 and 56 had not renewed since 2016. Lynn would be on the next long walk and hoped to pick up further renewals then. We discussed the option of better mechanisms for paying and agreed to review this for the forthcoming new subs. year. **Action:** ALL

5. Felling

Work on Phase II was supposed to start on 11/10/17 and to continue until after Xmas. Trevor and Chris had been out with the driver of the mulcher to assist and advise on the best access routes etc. Timber would be stacked at the end of Forge Rd as with Phase I. Notices advising villagers of the felling had been placed in the village and FoNC noticeboards.

6. Working parties and tools

Peter's group had finished clearing the ditch around the homestead and around the juniper saplings and was continuing work on H12. He envisaged working on the ponds next (especially Daisy Pond), clearing irises. A new rake was needed for this as the team was currently using a borrowed one. It was therefore agreed to purchase an agricultural manure drag rake for under £30.

Ron's group was continuing work around Chapel Lane, Pickup's pond and Ladies Mile.

Total man hours for both groups: 155 this month (cf 57.5 2016) and 360 YTD (cf 227 YTD). Peter noted there had been better reporting in 2017.

7. Village Hall representation

Ron had decided to step down as the FoNC representative on the village hall council from 31/12/17. It was agreed that Sheila, Chris or Trevor would cover the first quarter of 2018 until a new person could be appointed at the first FoNC committee.

8. Long and short walks

The walks continued to be successful. It was agreed in 2018 to make it mandatory to join FoNC in order to join the long walks. Ron had been requested to make an additional walk in aid of "Children in Need" and he would be contacting members about this in due course.

9. AGM

Potential speaker: Richard Fortey (mycologist): **Action:** Chris. An alternative speaker was the owner of the new microbrewery behind Morrison's: **Action:** Neill.

10. AOB

None

11. Next meeting

MONDAY 15 Jan 2018, The Wheel at 7.30 pm