

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON
COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 15
13th September 2010

1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies

Ron Collins, Daisy Leek,

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 9; not a full-time warden, more a full-time project officer to help local groups.
- Item 10, dog waste bins not mentioned in Gazette.
- Item 11b, graffiti now removed by others or faded.
- The minutes of Meeting 14 were accepted and approved.
- No further matters arising

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported:

Income this year £1177

Brought fwd £483.56
1660.56

Expenditure £972.42

Balance £688.14 (reconciles with bank statement)

This includes the £100 Parish Council donation. We have not made our donation to the fete. Agreed to drop it this year as too late now. Peggy then left the meeting.

5. Membership Secretary's report

We have 194 members of which 32 have not renewed, leaving 162 paid up members. 71 members have joined since the leafleting campaign. Should we place membership forms at the pubs and post office?

6. Royal Forestry Society visit

This is a chance to discuss the clearance required for the reintroduction of the Juniper when the saplings are returned from Scotland. **Philip, Peter and Steve** will show them around, Tuesday 28th Sept at approx 2pm.

7. Chilterns Commons Project

Chilterns Conservation Board are applying for a grant for a full-time Project Officer, this is a 5-year project. Naphill Common was wanted as a good case study. However, it needs the land owner's agreement and this has not been forthcoming. Direct works cannot be done under this scheme unless the owner's agreement has been obtained, although more general work such as for educational use may still happen.

Lane End seems to be working fine with the Dashwood Estate so why do we not have the same engagement? We should try to meet with Sir Edward to discuss the issues, Kevin, Steve, Trevor, Dave are available in principle to do this. **Steve** to make some initial enquiries.

8. Work Parties

The last work party did gentle clearing around the three Junipers. Possible future work includes clearing the blue tarpaulin and other debris from the “den”, clearing scrub from around the ponds (Dew pond), clearing holly from the big oak, clearing scrub from the lone Juniper and clearing rights of way such as H1 & H5. We agreed to continue with the last Sunday of every month (except Sept), ie 31st Oct and 28th Nov starting at 10.30am.

Trevor to draft a note, **Stephanie** to email it to those that expressed an interest in work parties.

9. Future activities.

- 20 Sept; walk for health. **Philip**
- 3 October; Fungal Foray. Walk the paths before to plan a fruitful walk.
- 9 October; Pam Smith’s exhibition in the Village Hall, 10am start. She has invited us to put up a poster.
- AGM Friday 21st Jan 2011. Village Hall is provisionally booked. John Morris on archaeology of the Common, **Trevor** to contact. Gary Marshall (NT) as a stand-by speaker.
- Photographic competition. We agreed to launch a photographic competition open to all with two categories; The pleasure of the Common and The beauty of the Common. Have prizes for these plus an under 16’s prize. Speak to The Wheel (**Steve**) and The Co-op (**Kevin**) about offering prizes. Submit entries by 9 January 2011 in any digital image format to FONC@hotmail.co.uk. To be judged after Christmas with prizes awarded at the AGM. Max two entries per category per person.

10. Any other business

- (a) We had 9 attendees to the Tree Identification walk by Peter Legg. Good feedback was received.
- (b) Painting of roots and stumps for runs has taken place recently and paint has still not washed away. This is not acceptable. The run was believed to have been organised by Purple Patch and they are expected to repeat it next year. **Stephanie** to obtain contact details and **Trevor** to write.
- (c) Donation received from Parish Council for tools. Also Trevor has selected some of the Council’s redundant tools.

11. Next committee meetings

Tuesday 9th Nov 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House, then

Tuesday 7th Dec 2010, 7.30pm, Poland House, then

Tuesday 11th Jan 2011, 7.30pm, Poland House