

**FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON
COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 17
11th January 2011**

1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Kevin Bennett, Steve Rodrick, Ron Collins, Daisy Leek, Stephanie Morgan, Marek Pawlik, David Greenwood

2. Apologies

Peggy Ewart

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 6; Trevor has emailed Neil Harris about the two large heaps of cuttings at the clumps, which he needs to dispose of.
- No further matters arising
- The minutes of Meeting 16 were accepted and approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Peggy has confirmed she wishes to stand down as Treasurer but would like to stay on as a committee member to be a link with the Parish Council. No-one from the current committee wished to take on the role so a new member will need to be recruited. As we are at the maximum number of committee members permitted by our constitution it was thought that Peggy might become a co-opted member. **Trevor** to discuss further with Peggy.

5. Membership Secretary's report

197 have joined, 29 didn't renew, so we have 168 current members (88 are new this year). We agreed to keep the fees the same as previous years, £5 per adult and £2 for under 18s. Everyone has now been rationalised onto a Jan-Jan membership year so the AGM is an opportunity to renew a lot of members.

We have received a £500 donation from Margie McGregor who used to live in the village. We unanimously agreed to

offer her life membership, **Trevor** to write to her with our thanks.

6. **The Clumps Project**

The 3 work groups to date have cleared one clump and made a start on two others. Additional dates for work groups are Sunday 30 Jan, 13 Feb, 27 Feb and 13 March. We will then stop because of nesting birds. Meet at 10am at the Common end of Forge Road. Dates to be publicised in Gazette, Newsletter, at the AGM and on posters for the notice boards – action **Trevor, Kevin, Philip**. Marek kindly donated a first aid kit.

7. **AGM Friday 21st Jan 2011**

Everyone is willing to stay on in their current roles with the exception of Treasurer.

- 6.45pm set up
- **Daisy, Kate and Una-Lynne** and to arrange refreshments
- **Stephanie** to take membership renewals
- **Daisy** to check the projection screen which had been damaged.
- **Steve** to bring laptop and projector.

8. **Photographic competition**

18 entries were received for the main competition plus six for the under 16s. The main prize will be the bottle of wine plus the Trees book. The under 16s prize will be the goodie bag of Chiltern badges and booklets which **Steve** will arrange plus a £10 WH Smith token which **Daisy** will buy. The bottle of wine was kindly donated by the Co-Op.

Peter to produce winners' certificates and arrange the slide show of all the entries. Two photos were taken just outside the Common boundary. It was agreed not to exclude these from the competition as numbers of entries were light.

9. Chilterns Commons Project

Rachel Sanderson has written to FONC about us providing match funding in support of work on the National Trust part of the Common. This could fund chainsaw work, interpretation board, education, surveys, etc. She has suggested we provide a commitment to donate £250 which was unanimously agreed.

David has heard that the Common is now being sub-let to more than just Mr Fincken. **Trevor** is to write to Sir Edward Dashwood to try to understand the situation, which may make it easier to work on parts of the Common.

10. Any other business

- We agreed to have the Mini-Beast Safari for £60 in early summer and to involve the school.
- Peggy has received a reply from WDC on the issue of parking on the Common along Ladies Mile. It appears they won't take action on any existing parking areas but will not allow any more.
- The notice board at Hunts Hill Lane has been bashed and is leaning over. It needs attention.
- Stephanie was thanked by all for providing refreshments at this and other FONC meetings.

11. Next committee meeting

Tuesday 22nd Feb 2011, 7.30pm, Poland House
(and AGM on Friday 21st Jan 2011)

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