

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 21

26th July 2011

1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies

Steve Rodrick

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 9; Mini Beast Safari – 17 people including 6 children attended in damp conditions. John Tyler was keen to repeat it next year, everyone agreed.
- Item 9; midsummer picnic; not attracting anyone from outside the core group. Need to consider options next year, pool the food or do a barbecue to generate more interaction.
- No further matters arising
- The minutes of Meeting 20 were accepted and approved.

4. Treasurer's report

£25 expenditure to Village Hall Council and £40 to John Tyler since the last meeting.

Total income this year	£1842.42
Total expenditure this year	<u>£ 541.47</u>
Balance	£1300.95

5. Membership Secretary's report

We have 145 active (signed) members, 78 still to renew, making 223 in total. Peggy suggests we publish a list of what we spend the subs on. Action **Trevor** – Naphill Gazette, **Kevin** – next newsletter.

6. Natural England-Dashwood-Forestry Commission meeting

The meeting on 12th July took place with Wessex Woodland Management, Natural England, the Chiltern Conservation Board and the Forestry Commission together with FoNC. The outcome was fairly positive and it seems quite likely that a long-term management plan could be produced and followed. FoNC has been asked to supply information about special and valuable features of the Common, eg significant trees, junipers, ponds, archaeological features etc., etc., that need to be protected. Trevor and Philip have started a list of veteran trees with 18 noted so far. The list could stretch to 40.

Other notable objects:

- Juniper and gorse
- Flora, Hairy Bindweed
- Fungi
- Vertebrates
- Invertebrates, possibly we have Purple Hairstreak butterflies
- Glades and broad paths
- Ponds
- Archaeology; banks, ditches, farmstead, tank tracks

Action – **all** to email Trevor with lists of features/locations. This can form the basis of FoNC's specification of any requirements to be accommodated within any management plan.

The best way to communicate with the Village was felt to be through the Village Hall Council. **Kevin** to write to Sarah Bacon about the possibility of FoNC joining the Council.

7. HAG report

Lyn has contacted the Risborough Group about a geophys survey and is awaiting them to propose some suitable dates.

The third HAG walk of the common will occur on Thursday 28th July.

Trevor, Nancy and Lyn are to visit the Centre for Bucks Studies on 16th Aug to inspect records. Peter requested copies of records, maps, etc to display on the website.

8. Future Programme

- 27 October Fungal foray, 10am at Village Hall
- 27 Jan 12, AGM and Open Meeting with Jill Ayres presenting a talk on fossils and rocks of the area.
- Possible second bat walk as first was so wet. **Trevor** to enquire.
- Work parties recommence 4th Sept at 10am.
- Walks for Health, leader required for 19 Sept, **Philip** agreed to cover it. **Ron** to suggest dates for next set of walks.

9. Any other business

- Photo competition, a small flyer required, action **Peter**
- 30th Sept is Commons Day (Tatten House)
- A vote of thanks to Stephanie for another fine spread of refreshments.

10. Next committee meeting

Tuesday 4th Oct 2011, 7.30pm, Poland House

Distribution:

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Minutes prepared by: Kevin Bennett, Minutes Secretary

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Minutes approved by:

Trevor Hussey, Chairman

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