

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

COMMITTEE MEETING NO 26

3rd July 2012

1. Attendees

Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Trevor Hussey, Stephanie Morgan, Kevin Bennett, Ron Collins, Chris Miller, Marek Pawlik

2. Apologies

David Greenwood, Peggy Ewart, Steve Rodrick

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

With no matters arising the minutes of meeting no 25 were approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Peggy had issued a statement prior to the meeting:

Income	£2397.40
Expenditure	£1395.67 (inc £450 to Jill Eyers geology walks)
Balance	£1001.73

With £100 for Village Hall hire and £25 fete donation to come out, Peggy observed that we are eating into our reserves.

Trevor remarked that Rachel Sanderson at Chiltern Commons Project has money for grants but they have to be approved up front.

5. Membership Secretary's report

Stephanie reported that 118 people have renewed their membership for 2012 to date. There was only one membership renewal at the fete.

6. Recent activities

- The Clumps. Sketches approved by Neil Harris of the National Trust. **Philip** is to paint a picture for the National Trust information board.
- Jill Eyers' geology field trips. FONC have improved the accuracy of the geological map with the sampling done on these field trips. Also, Willow Pond may be registered as a geological site because of the Sarson Stones there. They are believed to be lying undisturbed so the soil beneath provides an age indicator. This could make the Sarsons more like 50 million years old rather than the previously believed 30 million.
- The bat walk was a success despite the damp conditions, 11 people and numerous bats attended. We saw or detected four species we believe; Common pipistrelle, Soprano pipistrelle, Brown Long-eared and Natterers bat.
- The fete. We need a better feature next year, maybe some sort of game. We agreed that it was still worth attending to keep up our profile in the village, despite the income being disappointing.

7. Programme of events

- Butterfly walk, Dennis Dell. 4th July 10.30 am at Forge Road
- Mini-beast safari. John Tyler. Sunday 22nd July 2.00 pm. NVH. Advertised to Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and the School. **Trevor** to get a quote from John to submit to Rachel for a grant.
- Fungus foray. Sunday 4th November 2012. Forge Road 10 am
- Pond Survey. Tony Marshall. February 2013. **Trevor** to get a quote from Tony to submit to Rachel for a grant.

8. Timesheets for volunteers

We need to record volunteer hours and issue these to Rachel. Peter sends in collated hours for our work parties.

9. Maps in pubs

Maps in pubs. We had agreed to put our existing trifold leaflet in local pubs to gauge how much demand there might be for a specially produced map. **Trevor** and **Peter** to organise this.

10. History and Archaeology Group

- Tank tracks. Barry Biggs Hughenden, tel. 562204 has volunteered to be interviewed. Paul Butler, son of Dorothy Butler, father tested tanks. Ron King, Stocking Lane, foreman of B&W during the War.
- Oral History. **Kevin** to circulate list of interviewees and interviewees, get dates confirmed and book loan of recording equipment.
- The geophys survey of the farmstead. Try to get Ian Kelloway back in the Autumn. Jill Evers would like to try her profile method with pegs, but would charge, we suggested she could try in the Spring.
- Andrew Muir. Meeting Thursday 19th July. **Trevor** to attend.

11. Walks

- Short walks for pleasure (Chris Miller):
4th July with butterfly walk, Wednesday 1st Aug; 5th Sept; 3rd Oct; 7th Nov; and 5th Dec.
- Long Walks for pleasure (Ron Collins): Mondays. 16th July; 20th August; 24th Sept; 15th Oct; 19th Nov, and 17th December 2012.
- Walks continue to be successful with 20 on Ron's longer walk and 7 on Chris' shorter walk.

12. Working Parties

We decided not to continue with the work party on Sunday 8 July as many could not make it. Summer work parties are to be postponed till the Autumn, to restart on 7th Oct, 21st Oct etc (first and third Sundays of each month). All meet at Chapel Lane at 10am, unless advised otherwise. We could do with borrowing a brush-cutter machine, Steve to investigate whether he can get access to one. Philip's neighbour has a sit-on mower looking for a home. FONC could use it for keeping the grass areas open. There are insurance implications with both.

13. Any other business

- The footpaths from Crick to Downley Road and Downley Road to the Common are to be planed and surfaced with road chippings by Bucks CC shortly.
- Trevor requested an electronic copy of Wessex Woodland Management's plan.
- RAF work party – we need to find out what they are doing and where.
- Cookshall Lane conversion to a BOAT, decision put off to November.
- Naphill Village Council. It has been agreed that Naphill should enter the best kept village competition. One area they will look at is entrances to commons. We agreed to help.
- AGM in January, possible speaker is Rachel, **Trevor** to check. Friday 25th Jan 2013 suggested. **Trevor** to check availability of Village Hall.

Next committee meeting:
Tuesday 25th Sept 2012, 7.30pm, Poland House

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Minutes prepared by: Kevin Bennett, Secretary 14/7/12

Minutes approved by:
Trevor Hussey, Chairman Dated