

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 28

28th NOVEMBER 2012

The meeting was held at 8.15 pm in the house of Peter Davis.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Marek Pawlik; David Greenwood; Stephanie Morgan; Kevin Bennett; Peggy Ewart (absent because we failed to tell her the location of the meeting).
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**
These were read and accepted as correct but not signed.
3. **Matters arising.**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Treasurers report.**
There was no report in the absence of the treasurer.
5. **Membership secretary's report.** There was no report in the absence of the membership secretary.
6. **Open meeting and AGM.**
 - (i) Arrangements for the evening. Committee members agreed to assemble at the Village Hall soon after 6 pm. TH to collect the key. TH to contact Rachel Sanderson and ask for a title to her talk. We will provide teas and coffees as required. The agenda will be as usual. Philip will prepare posters and Steve will supply him with blank posters. Peter will prepare a slide show to accompany the business section. The screen will be available for this and for Rachel's talk.
 - (ii) The art exhibition. Exhibitors are to bring their pictures and art objects from 6.15 onwards and it is hoped that they will help with the hanging and arranging. Tables will be placed along one side of the hall. Screens will be provided by Peter and Marek (assumed in his absence). There will be limited space so it is recommended that exhibitors limit themselves to about two items each. Items can be for sale if required.
 - (iii) The new committee. All those present agreed to continue to serve on the committee and, where relevant, to continue in their present posts. TH agreed to continue as chairman but strongly expressed the view that it would be better for FONC if someone else took over who had fresh ideas.

- 7. Report on progress on dumping, SSE damage etc.**
The dumped materials have been removed (with only a few scraps of wood remaining). The SSE damage has not been repaired but it appears to be slowly healing naturally.
- 8. Purchase of a brush cutter.**
During a long discussion it was decided not to purchase a brush cutter in the near future. The main reasons were: (a) operators have to be trained; we would have to train more than one person and they would have to be willing to attend the relevant working parties. (b) We would have to equip the operators with protective gear including ear muffs, protective trousers, a carrying harness, protected boots etc. (c) It would be more efficient to approach other organisations, such as BBOWT and the Chiltern Society who have trained people with all the equipment. (d) There is an opportunity to purchase a large second-hand motor mower which would do at least some of the same work. Philip to negotiate the purchase if the committee agrees.
- 9. Working parties.**
The working parties and tree re-labelling will continue, the next date being Sunday 16th December at 10 am., at Chapel Lane.
- 10. Walks.**
The short walks have not recruited well so far. Chris was willing to continue and ways of recruiting will be investigated. The long walks are popular and they are to have a Christmas lunch together. Both Chris and Ron were thanked.
- 11. AOB.**
Our best wishes were expressed for Marek's rapid recovery.
TH announced that there was to be a Chilterns Commons Form meeting on Thursday 13th December. A walk will start at Naphill Village Hall and visit the southern part of Naphill Common and then move on to Downley Common and a lunch at the Memorial Hall, Downley. TH and Peter will lead the Naphill section and give short talk, and John Wilson will cover the Downley part. TH to give Chris details of the day.
TH to ask in the next Gazette article if there is anyone interested in recording local people.
TH to ask Jill Evers for an amended copy of her geology report.
- 12. Date of next meeting.**
Open meeting and AGM Friday 25th January 2013.
First committee meeting after AGM suggested for Monday 4th February 2013.