

## FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 31 Poland House, 4/6/13

#### 1. Present and apologies

Present: Chris, Marek, Peggy, Peter, Philip, Ron, Sheila, Steve, Trevor.  
Apologies: Kevin & Stephanie.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

#### 3. Matters arising

Living history - tank testing witnesses: The group of filmmakers, Ellipse, were still interested and would meet with Kevin and Trevor on a mutually agreeable date soonest. **Action:** Kevin and Trevor.

Dog excrement bins: ongoing. **Action:** Sheila.

Noticeboards: noted that they needed a little renovation before the winter.

Working parties: these were going well.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

Income 2013 to date: £1,172

Expenditure 2013 to date: £990.13

Balance 2013, including 2012 carry forward £1,062.82

The Chilterns Conservation Board would pay for 2 pointed saws & £30 for the bat walk against receipts. **Action:** Peggy to get a receipt book.

#### 5. Membership secretary's report

Stephanie had sent in her report: she had recruited 6 new members since the last meeting, only 1 of which was a renewal. It was likely that Stephanie would be moving house and leaving the area over the summer. Everyone was sorry to see her go, wished her well and thanked her for her invaluable work (and cakes!) **Action:** Ron noted he would approach a person who might be interested.

#### 6. Fete

Chris and Peter kindly agreed to set up; there would be membership forms available and books on the red kite to sell. It was agreed by email outside the meeting to purchase a FoNC banner for use at the event and generally, including working parties.

#### 7. Bricks, Bodgers and Broomsticks. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

This event, organised by the Chilterns Commons Project, was brought to the attention of the committee.

#### 8. Future events programme 2013

Lost pubs' walk: Tuesday 25 June 7.15pm, meet at The Wheel

Mini Beast Safari led by John Tyler: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm, meet at the VH car park

Butterfly Walk, led by Dennis Dell, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30 am, meet at Forge Road

Bat Walk, led by Bridget Parslow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 8.15, meet at the VH car park.

Fungus Foray: planned for autumn; 7/11/ TBA

Drawing on the Common: TBA: **Action:** Philip to investigate likelihood further.

Midsummer Historic Pub Walk 25/6 : Peggy's idea for a walk from *The Wheel* to Naphill and Walters Ash places that used to be pubs, finishing at *The Black Lion*, was deemed an excellent idea. **Action:** Sheila to ask pubs if they were interested in principle; everyone to investigate

routes and dates (Rex Leaver's book, the county records office and Pam Smith were possible sources of information).

Moth trappings' evenings, with Neil Fletcher : ongoing.

Bucks Invertebrates Group visit + moths also with Neil Fletcher: tbc Sat. 14th Sept (also Bradenham Fete Day)

**Action:** Philip to send his photos of moths to David for identification and uploading to the website please.

#### **9. AOB.**

Further discussion of the possible 'tank film' and the replacement of Stephanie if or when she moves away. Concern was expressed about the increasing death of oak trees, especially near the end of Chapel Lane. The date for the start of felling on the Common is still unknown.

**Trevor** to investigate.

**11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm at Poland House**