

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 33 Poland House, 11/11/13

1. Present and apologies

Present: Chris, Marek, Chris, Peggy, Peter, Philip, Ron, Sheila, Stephanie, Steve and Trevor.

Apologies: Kevin and Lynn.

In attendance: Geoff Barton, The Chiltern Society

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. Everyone agreed that it would be a shame to miss this opportunity to capture live witness accounts of these events. Ron agreed to contact Ron King.

Action: Kevin, Trevor and Ron.

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

4. Membership Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's report

Current cash in bank at date of meeting: £871.98.

6. The Chiltern Society

Geoff thanked the committee for his welcome and noted that he was the volunteer area secretary for area 5B, which comprised Hughenden, West Wycombe, Piddington, Radnage and Downley. He commented that the white arrow waymarking the public footpaths and rights of way were faint in some areas; these were marked on the Chiltern Soc maps and the definitive Bucks CC map and he offered to send cc of these to Peter.

FoNC offered to help renew these in the same size as previously, using ordinary white indoor emulsion, but all agreed first that a survey of the posts with arrows and any other arrows would be appropriate as a first step, especially as any felling might destroy some of the trees upon which there were arrows.

Action: FoNC to ask the estate if they could not fell trees with arrows on them; survey of posts and arrows and future liaison with the Chiltern Society. Geoff to send the maps to Peter.

7. Hughenden Parish Council Questionnaire

FoNC had been invited to comment on the draft and Peggy suggested the inclusion of a question on devolved services. All agreed that it might be useful to have the same questions as in the previous questionnaire so that like-on-like comparisons might be made.

Action: Sheila

8. Felling on the Common

FoNC's reply to the proposed felling project had been sent to Richard Pearce, Forestry Commission England. Steve agreed to contact Kathy Daly of Chilterns Conservation Board. Phillip agreed to cc his detailed tree map and send it to Richard.

Action: Steve and Phillip.

9. Ponds

Richard Marshall's report would soon be ready. Richard was also looking after the wood and meadow at Stocking Lane and would be doing some clearing work on 15/12. If anyone wished to help, meet opposite TRADA at 10am.

10. Working parties and tree survey

The next working party was on 1/12/13. Peter was looking at what work needed doing and planning the work load depending on any projected fellings and the results of the pond survey. It was noted that the path from the end of Chapel Lane onto the Common was narrowing again and that the path off Forge Road was bracken covered.

11. Open Meeting and AGM: 7/2/14 in the VH

The booking was all confirmed and double checked by the secretary; a notice would go in the Gazette. The chair, membership secretary and treasurer were asked to prepare their reports as usual and hopefully there would be opportunity to collect subscriptions on the night. Peggy kindly offered to do teas and coffees and members were invited to put any artwork on display. Peggy suggested the addition of an Information Officer as a new role.

12. AOB

Jill Evers had approached the chairman seeking FoNC interest in a lottery heritage project she was hoping to be awarded in 2014, called "Indoors- Outdoors". Her proposal was to involve Naphill in a couple of events should this go ahead. The committee agreed this was a good idea and the Sec would write to support Jill and await an update in due course.

Action: Sheila

13. Dates of future meetings:

Monday 20th January at 7.30 at Poland House

AGM: 7th February 2014 at 7.30 in Naphill Village Hall