

## FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No 49 HELD 27 March 2017, 7.30pm THE WHEEL pub

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

Ron Collins, Lynn McMinn & Marek Pawlik.

#### 2. Present.

Chris Miller, Neil McMinn, John Camp, Peter Davis, Philip Hussey, Trevor Hussey Sheila Draper, Peggy Ewart and Kevin Bennett.

#### 3. Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising not on the agenda.

Agreed.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

B/f £1,550.99

Income (all subs):£400

Expenditure: Speakers: £60 (AGM); insurance £135.85; TCV £38.00; printing £4.80 = total £238.65

Cash in bank at 3/3/17 @£1,886.19.

#### 5. Membership secretary's report.

Neil reported on Lunn's behalf: Renewals membership paid to date: 87; 50 unpaid to date and gained 2 new members at the AGM. It was suggested that everyone help chase renewals by talking to those members they knew personally and Neil agreed to ask Lynn to circulate the list accordingly. **Action:** Neil.

#### 6. 2017 plans

1. NapFest: the theme was "I do like to be beside the seaside"; Chris apologised for not being available on the day. Ron was organising a FoNC silent auction for the fete and reminded everyone to try to obtain pledges from their contacts.

2. Fungus Foray: planned for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm.

3. Bat walk: Chris would contact the previous helper on this. **Action:** Chris.

4. Treasure Hunt: tba **Action** Marian and Chris.

5. Family day idea from Mike Poole. **Action:** Neil to talk to Mike.

6. Woodland sculpture: **Action:** Sheila to talk to Ruth Daly (Brown Owl).

#### 7. Working parties and tools:

Peter reported a total of 64 man-hours ytd (cf 38 ytd in 2016); his group had finished H14 and had also done some pond clearance in winter, which would now stop until autumn and Chris agreed to seek the Freshwater Trust's advice on this. **Action:** Chris. The next project would be to clear the ditch around the farmstead. Ron's group continued to trim and mow Ladies Mile towards Downley Road. Once complete, the next stage was to go north towards Forge Road. Reg Horne of "Jesselton" hoped to join the w/party.

Trevor noted that David Hunt of Wessex had asked to be shown the tank tracks and farmstead; it was hoped to mark them with white sticks in the autumn; it was suggested we might cordon off the area from the slag deposits to the farmstead to protect it when felling.

It was agreed to purchase tools for the groups to be able to work independently and Ron's "shopping list" (two large and two smaller saws, two loppers, two rakes and a saw on the end of a pole to cut higher

branches ) was approved at circa £120. It was also agreed not to purchase chain saws as the mandatory insurance and training costs would be too high.

**8. Short and long walks.**

Both walks had done well over 2016 and had started well in 2017.

**9. AOB**

1. Planning matter: Reference: 1705586FUL Heatherlands: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 x 4 bed detached dwellings with access to 2 of the dwellings via an extension of the Common track past Little Oaks; agreed to make FoNC comment in respect of the Common. **Action:** Chris

2. Peter Booth of "Beehive Cottage" had noted that he hoped posters could remind people about dogs and fouling.

3. Potential speaker for 2017 AGM: a Penn wood purchaser (ex civil servant): **Action:** Chris liaising.

**10. Next meeting.**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm in The Wheel pub

