

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 29 Poland House, 4/2/13

1. Present

All (Peggy Ewart had to leave part-way to attend a village hall committee meeting).

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were read and accepted as correct but not signed. There were no matters arising, the mower having been purchased and Jill Eyres' report was still being chased.

3. New Committee

The 2012 Chairman (Trevor), Treasurer (Peggy) and Membership Secretary (Stephanie) agreed to continue in post and Sheila Draper, a committee co-opt, agreed to become Secretary. Proposed as group by Ron, seconded by Phillip and agreed. Thanks to all, including the outgoing Sec, Kevin.

4. Treasurer's report

C/F from 2012: £880.95.

The balance at 4/2/13, with the addition of 2013 subs to date, was £1288.17.

It was agreed to keep reserves of £500 in future and to try to take up the Chilterns Conservation Board's offer to fund speakers and expert assistance wherever possible.

5. Membership secretary's report

115 members had paid for 2013 to date including 11 new members; 34 had not yet renewed.

6. Future events programme 2013

- **Newsletter:** base this on 2012 AGM report **Action:** Trevor
- **Moth trapping-** Neil Fletcher to do this. **Action:** Peter had his details and would contact him
- **Bat walk:** **Action:** Trevor would organise this. Q whether a charge should be made.
- **Pond life:** Tony Marshall was doing a yearlong study from Jan.'13
- **School talk:-** Trevor and Steve were doing a talk at Naphill and WA school tba date.
- **Joint event with Downley Preservation Soc :** tba
- **Mini Beast safari:** tba
- **Fungus foray:** tba
- **Butterfly walk:** tba
- **Fete stall 15th June:** FoNC to have a stall and to sell books, maps and photos. The Fete theme was to be "*British Achievements in History*"
- **Drawing classes on the Common:** Keith and Ronnie Wilkins had offered these. Q whether these would be a free event. Tba
- **AGM 2013:** agreed to book the village hall for the first Friday in February 2014. **Action:** Sec for 7/2/14. Francis Kerner tba as possible speaker: Trevor would approach him once the date was agreed

7. Historical and archaeological projects for 2013

- **Geophysical detection by Risboro Group:** re-visit date tba but likely to be autumn
- **Living history Interviews re tank testing:** **Action:** Sec to put note in Naphill Gazette seeking volunteers
- **Geological survey 2012:** **Action:** Jill Eyres' report would be updated by Peter then uploaded to the website

8. Proposed logging by West Wycombe Estate and juniper replanting

- (1)The estate should be encouraged to get the necessary approvals and the contractors to visit the site on foot to do an assessment and determine extraction routes;
- (2) FoNC should seek to be a party to a felling planning meeting; the felling to hopefully include holly thinning/clearing;

Action: Trevor to seek a meeting with the estate re the proposed felling, the re-introduction of juniper cuttings from whence taken (18 available) and clarification of whose responsibility it was to monitor utility board work on the Common (further damage by the electricity board near Cookshall Farm).

9. The Clumps project

RAF Halton had volunteered heavy labour to assist. [After the meeting this was fixed for 14/2/13.]

10. Ponds' survey

Action: Sheila to enquire of Tony Marshall as to this undertaking.

11. Walks

These would continue to be advertised as follows: Doctors' surgery, Naphill Gazette, local cafes and pubs, the website and on Naphill and Downley Commons' noticeboards. **Action?**

12. Working parties

Blockages on footpaths: these have to be cleared by Bucks CC and can be reported on its website. **Action:** all (and Sec to note for Naphill Gazette article).

13. AOB

a) Little Stocking meadow/Violet Field: a clearing party organised by Prestwood Nature would take place on 3/3/at 10am: there was meadow clary there, one of 2/3 sites in Bucks.

b) Ash trees: Steve asked about the recording of ash trees for potential replacement and historical interest should they become diseased and felled. Trevor had mapped all the significant trees in Naphill but no photos were available. **Action:** Sec to ask villagers for update in Naphill Gazette and Peter to upload data to website from Trevor.

c) Website: Peter was able to populate the site with contact details by position rather than personal email addresses by request.

Next meeting: Monday 8th April at 7.30pm at Poland House.