

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON: MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A PowerPoint presentation accompanied his report on FONC's activities.

The Working Parties, led by Peter Davis on Tuesdays and Ron Collins on Thursdays, were continuing, mainly with holly and pond clearance and spreading chippings (donated by a local tree surgeon) on muddy paths. A record 918 hours were spent by the combined working parties in 2021.

The long and short walks led by Ron Collins (third Monday of the month) and Chris Miller (first Wednesday of the month) respectively are continuing. All are welcome. Thanks to Ron Collins for organising the Children in Need walk on the 22nd November 2021, which had raised £542.

The five information boards on the Common were 10 years old and in need of restoration. Tim Bird of Merlin Signs (who made the village hall sign) has been commissioned. Each board will cost about £300 and Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to pay half the cost through their Community Fund.

Membership and Treasurer's report

Lynn McMinn has stood down as Membership Secretary. The Chairman thanked Lynn for all her work. Neil McMinn will now combine the rôle of Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

There are 136 subscribed members. Members were reminded to pay their subscriptions (still £5) for 2022. Details of how to pay are on the FONC website and a full name should be given to identify the payer

The new bank account with MetroBank was operational and the incentive for the bank-switch had been received and half that amount donated to the Village Hall. At the end of 2021 there was a surplus of £438.72.

Election of committee

Thanks to Lynn McMinn who has retired. All the remaining current members were elected unopposed.

Chris Miller (Chairman)

Neil McMinn (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)

Marian Miller (Secretary)

Peter Davis (Webmaster)

Kevin Bennett

John Camp

Ron Collins

Peggy Ewart

Trevor Hussey

Events

Forthcoming events included a bat walk on 13th August and a midsummer Bradenham history walk (date to be confirmed).

There was no other business.

The AGM was followed by an illustrated presentation given by John Shaw, Managing Director of Chiltern Rangers.