

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 30 In Poland House, 10/4/13

1. Present and apologies

Sheila, Marek, Chris, Stephanie, Peggy, David, Peter, Trevor and Philip. Apologies for their absence from Kevin, Ron and Steve.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

These were read and accepted as correct but not signed.

3. Matters arising

Newsletter: done and despatched, thank you to Stephanie.

RAF team work at The Clumps; thank you to Stephanie for orchestrating and all attendees on workday.

Moth trapping: Neil Fletcher Neil Fletcher, the moth man, had agreed to conduct a monthly series of moth trappings hopefully beginning in early April through to September. Needless to say the trapping will take place in the evening and dates will have to be announced close to the event because weather conditions are critical. No moths are harmed by the trapping. The survey will take place alternatively at the Clumps and at the Plane off the end of Chapel Lane, starting, in April.

AGM 2013: fixed for 7/2/14 and VH and Francis Kerner booked by Sec and Chairman respectively.

Living history - tank testing witnesses: still awaiting volunteer interviewers [After the meeting, Sheila noticed a small piece in The Star, in which a group of filmmakers, Ellipse, were seeking local projects and she got in touch with them in case they would be interested in this - ongoing.]

Website: Jill Eyres' Geological Survey report and committee details, uploaded - thank you to Peter.

West Wycombe estate meeting: not yet fixed. **Action**: Trevor.

Ponds Survey: details circulated by Sheila as to Tony Marshall's paper; Trevor dealing with funding.

Working parties: working well!

Tree survey: continuing. Trevor published article in April Naphill Gazette on threat to ash trees.

4. Treasurer's report

Income 2013 to date: £647

Expenditure 2013 to date: £510.13

Balance 2013, including 2012 carry forward £1,288.17.

Noted that annual expenditure was likely to exceed annual income; that we could use c/forward from 2012, but should try and keep £500 in reserve to carry into 2014 and beyond.

The Chilterns Conservation Board was able to assist with funding for speakers and experts provided the anticipated spend were agreed in advance.

5. Membership secretary's report

Membership now stood at 153, including 15 new members; 18 had not yet renewed; Stephanie was hoping these would be persuaded to continue and also to attract new members at the Naphill Fete.

6. Future events programme 2013

FoNC Naphill Fete stand 15th June: Trevor would be away as would Stephanie and Sheila was already on a stand; ideas and manning were needed for the stand around the Fete theme of “British Achievements in History” Our theme to be “Darwin”. **Action**: everyone.

Mini Beast Safari: booked for Sunday 7th July to be run by John Tyler at a £48 fee.

Bat Walk: Bridget would be offered a choice of the Friday evenings of 19th or 26th July. **Action**: Trevor.

Fungus Foray: planned for autumn; 7/11/ TBA by Peter.

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*, around Naphill and Walters Ash places that used to be pubs, finishing at *The Black Lion*, was deemed an excellent suggestion. **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).

7. AOB

a) Constitution: David volunteered to stand down and for Sheila to take his place as a full committee member. It was agreed that, as a founder member, he would be an honorary member and entitled to continue to receive the minutes. He was thanked warmly for all his work.

b) Finance: In order to allow speedy co-signature of cheques, it was proposed by Peggy and seconded by Philip that Sheila become a signatory to the FoNC account: agreed unanimously. **Action**: Sheila to complete the necessary bank paperwork etc.

c) Funding for equipment: two pointed saws (i.e. not bow saws) would be useful for the working parties. Trevor has one and the Parish Council would be approached by Peggy/Sheila for another.

d) Dog excrement collection bins: it was suggested that the Vincent’s Meadow bin be moved to the top of Forge Road and that funding would be sought from the Chilterns Conservation Board and the Parish Council for an additional bin at the top of Chapel Lane. **Action**: Sheila to contact PCC clerk, Charlotte Watts.

e) Talks: Trevor was to give a talk on 24/4 for at Chinor for Andrew Muir re. Non-Conformist chapels of Naphill.

f) Village life: Naphill was entered in the Best Kept Village competition and would be judged sometime in June.

g) Information: FSC leaflets on lichens and mosses were distributed at the meeting. **Action**: Trevor to get additional copies for the FoNC Fete stand.

h) Bird recording: **Action**: Trevor to investigate list of species seen on the Common.

7. Date of next meeting: 4/6/13 at 7.30 pm at Poland House