

## FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING No. 41 Poland House, 11/5/15

#### 1. Present and apologies

Present: Chris, Neil, Sheila, Trevor, Peter, Marek, Ron, John, Kevin and Peggy (part).

Apologies: Kevin, Lynn and Phillip.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

#### 3. Matters arising

Slides' making, brewery contact & newsletter despatch were ongoing.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

Income b/f: £31355.50

Subs 2015: £345.20

Expenditure YTD: £406.33.

#### 5. Membership report

Subscriptions were coming in slowly, but it was anticipated that this would pick up at the Fete.

#### 6. Working parties

Peter reported on the activities:

Japanese Knotweed: Regrowth first spotted 6<sup>th</sup> April on 2<sup>nd</sup> May some measured as 1.7meter high. Regrowth not as much or as vigorous in the areas we treated last year. There had been no sign of treatment by estate as of last Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> May).

It was agreed to monitor the situation.

There had been only one Working Party since the last meeting, which had cleaned and treated 4 of the information boards -one was also repaired by Philip. They needed another coat of preservative (£22).

Ponds: now work had finished on the Common the plan was to start removing the small bits of holly left around the base of some of the trees in the areas cleared by the contractors.

It was agreed to work on the ponds and larger clumps of holly during the autumn and winter & it was hoped also to plant out some/all of the juniper saplings.

Clearance: Reports on the clearance had been favourable especially now the ground has been levelled. It was agreed not to put back the sign posts until the foot paths had settled down.

Other: someone had been scattering wild seeds; this was to be discouraged as it would interfere with the ecobalance of the natural flora and fauna; a polite request would be made via the next Gazette article.

#### 7. Promotion and funding

BBC Country file: Sheila sent the info to school (no feedback received) and Peter to email Rachel at CBB.

Rangers: they were open to activities and suggestions. [Since the meeting, a clearance at Shiplake Pond on 1/10/15 has been agreed with FoNC, RGS boys and Naphill Brownies all taking part at various times during the day/early evening.]

## **8. Napfest and Fete**

Agreed we would have our usual stand and also to take part in the parade. Ideas for games included lasso the blocks, a bird quiz and a picture quiz.

## **9. Ideas for future events programme 2015**

Historic walk: Tuesday 26 June 7.15pm, meet at The Wheel, led by Marian.

Bat Walk: tba.

Fungus Survey: Agreed out of meeting and now a survey walk now scheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## **6. Long and short walks**

These were continuing to be well attended and the dates for 2015 were on the website at <http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html>

**7. There was no AOB. The date of the next meeting would be: 8/9/15 at 7.30 pm at Poland House**