

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 16

9th November 2010

1. Attendees

Trevor Hussey, Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Kevin Bennett, Steve Rodrick, Ron Collins, Daisy Leek,

2. Apologies

Stephanie Morgan, Marek Pawlik, David Greenwood, Peggy Ewart

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- Item 7; we have now found out that the Dashwood Estate does not own Lane End.
- Item 8, the drafting and emailing of a note regarding work parties has not been done but see item 6 below
- No further matters arising
- The minutes of Meeting 15 were accepted and approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Trevor read Peggy's report:

Balance £694.52

John Harris is to audit the accounts.

Peggy has asked to stand down as Treasurer, one issue being attendance at our meetings. **Trevor** to discuss further with Peggy.

Pam Smith had requested a donation for the scanning of her photos. We agreed to top up the total money raised that day to £600, meaning we need to issue a cheque to Pam for £14. Action by **Peggy**.

5. Membership Secretary's report

Trevor read Stephanie's report.

One member has renewed since last meeting. No new members.

This is understandable as we are at the end of the year.

6. The Clumps Project

Neil Harris of The National Trust has enthusiastically welcomed our proposal to restore the Clumps to their former glory (discrete rings of trees interspersed with grassland). A meeting was held on site with Neil and his assistant, Trevor, Philip, David, Peter and Kevin on 1st November to inspect the site and agree on actions as follows:

- The National Trust agreed to work initially on the two Clumps closest to the Umbrella Tree.
- FoNC is to trim back the scrub so that NT's team can properly inspect the trees and decide what to do. NT will remove the cuttings if we pile them up.
- NT is to erect a display board to explain what is going on.
- Work parties to be held on 28th Nov, 12th Dec, 2nd Jan, 16th Jan and 30th Jan. They will be 3 hours long and start at 10am meeting at the Common end of Forge Road. **Trevor** to add to Gazette and **Kevin** to add to Newsletter. **Philip**

to place a notice on the information boards. **Steve** to get coloured paper copies of the FoNC poster.

- **Trevor** to inform Neil of this programme and to obtain a copy of the NT volunteer form.
- **Daisy** to obtain a first aid kit.
- **Peter** to get a book to record our volunteer hours. Neil said our time would be valued at £6/h.
- **Trevor** to draft note for **Stephanie** to email to members regarding membership participation in work parties.

7. Future activities.

- Walks for health to be held on Tuesday 18th Jan, Monday 21st Feb, Tuesday 22nd Mar, Monday 18th Apr, *Monday 16th May, Monday 20th Jun, Tuesday 19th Jul, Monday 22nd Aug. **Peter** to lead the Feb walk, **Philip** the March one and **Ron** the rest. **Ron** to contact Judy Whitehouse to get these dates in the next Gazette. (*amended post-meeting)
- Rogation day walk, beat the bounds.

8. AGM Friday 21st Jan 2011

The agreed programme is as follows:

7.00 Set up

7.30 Teas and coffees, with photo competition entries on screen

7.45 Chairman's address

7.55 Photo competition winners

8.05 AGM voting and Treasurer's report

8.30 Archaeology of the Common and surrounding areas by John Morris

9.15 Close.

- **Daisy** and **Stephanie** to arrange refreshments
- Everyone at the meeting were happy to continue in their roles for another year.
- **Philip** to arrange posters for information boards
- **Peter** to bring photos on a memory stick
- **Steve** to ensure that John Morris brings his own laptop and projector

9. Photographic competition

Two entries received so far. We only have one category now but there will be a main prize and an under 16's prize. We agreed members should not enter but their relatives can. This may be reviewed if the number of entries is low. **Peter** to produce winners' certificates. **Steve** to arrange a goodie bag and possibly a copy of the Fabulous Trees book. **Kevin** to write to the Co-Op for support.

10. Approval to work on the Common

Following the Royal Forestry Commission visit to Naphill Common, their Chairman Dr Peter Savill has suggested we write to Dr Keith Kirby of Natural England. **Peter** had drafted a letter and we agreed he should send it. **Steve** to contact Ted Green, an expert on pollarded trees. We should try selecting a particular project, remote from Mr Fincken's land to see if Sir Edward Dashwood will approve that.

11. Any other business

None

12. Next committee meeting

Tuesday 11th Jan 2011, 7.30pm, Poland House

The meeting proposed for 7th Dec will not take place.

Distribution:

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Trevor Hussey, Chairman

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