

FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON

MEETING NO. 6

21st July 2009

1. Attendees

Peggy Ewart, Marek Pawlik, Philip Hussey, Peter Davis, Ron Collins, Trevor Hussey, Stephanie Morgan, Kevin Bennett, Michael Clarke.

2. Apologies

David Greenwood, Daisy Leek, Steve Rodrick

3. Previous minutes and matters arising

- The minutes of Meeting No 5 were accepted and approved.
- Matters arising from meeting No5 of 20th May:
 - (a) Notice Boards. It was agreed that six were required, at least A1 size (approx 84cms x 59cms). **Steve Rodrick** was to obtain quotes - **Trevor** to contact him. **Peggy** to contact Lyn Turner of the Wycombe DC. Michael noted that the Village Hall Committee owned a post driver.
 - (b) Item 10 Any other business: Peter Davis had investigated the cost of producing a calendar. It was agreed that this was not practicable this year as it was now too late in the year and the cost for small numbers was too high (£3.62 each, colour calendar for order of 100).

4. Treasurer's report

Current balance: £518-50p. We spent £98-60p.

At the Fete we collected: £122. The committee agreed to donate £25 to the Village Hall.

Our membership stands at 103.

5. Membership Secretary and communication with members

Stephanie Morgan was welcomed as the Membership Secretary and was unanimously voted onto the Steering Committee.

Post meeting note: The constitution permits a maximum of 11 members on the Steering Committee so Stephanie will be co-opted as a non-voting member of the committee.

A number of members have asked us to produce a newsletter to inform them of progress and activities. **Action: Trevor and Kevin.** Our principal methods of communication have been via the website and in the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette. About 70% of our members have given an email address so we will email it to them and post it to the rest. **Action: Stephanie.**

6. External communications

Trevor Hussey reported:

That he had written to Natural England, Sir Edward Dashwood of the West Wycombe Estate and the National Trust regarding permission to carry out work on the common.

Natural England could see no objection but we must get permission from the land owner Sir Edward first. We should produce a written programme of work with dates when the work would be carried out; this to be agreed and signed by Sir Edward. Sir Edward replied saying that we must first clear any work with Mr. Finken of Cookshall Farm Estates who has leased the common. The National Trust (who own the Umbrella Tree area) have as yet to reply. **Trevor** agreed to write a programme of work and contact Mr. Finken.

7. Chiltern Enjoyment and Understanding Award

We agreed to enter the whole Friends of Naphill Group to this competition, with particular reference to the website, map, walks and talks. **Peggy** to submit the form.

8. Future activities

- 5 Aug- Botany walk by Alan Showler.
- 31 Aug (bank holiday) 2.30-4.00pm- Treasure Hunt by Trevor and his son. Clues around a zoned area off Chapel Lane. Participants earn points based on questions answered. Gorilla outfits and sponges too! Prize for adults, prize for children paid for by our funds. Stewards needed on the day. Advertise by posters.
- 13 Sept- Ponds and veteran trees walk by Phil and Trevor. Now a FoNC event and no longer for Heritage Day. This is because the Civic Trust have collapsed and the event has been taken over by English Nature who require a long form and insurance to be provided.
- Autumn- Save the Juniper walk by Andy McVeigh.
- Late Oct- Fungi walk
- Jan 2010- AGM, Village Hall, speaker required. **Trevor** to ask John Wilson and John Morris. Check availability of Hall.
- Red Kite talk?

9. Any other business

Maps have been obtained from Bucks CC footpath and bridleway dept, to be held by Peter D
Peter D to be reimbursed laminating costs for posters and footpath number tags.

10. Next committee meeting

Tuesday 15th Sept 2009, 8.00pm, Poland House.

Distribution:
Committee members
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Minutes prepared by: Kevin Bennett, Secretary 25/7/09

Minutes approved by:
Trevor Hussey, Chairman Dated