



The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 7pm 14 June 2010

Present

Diana Sawyer (DS)
Mick Hughes (MH)
Gaynor O'Connell (GO)
Jon Shelton (JS)
Wendy Hogg (WH)
Sophie Walkden (SW)
Simon Cavell (SC)

Apologies

Helen Cavell (HC)
Forestry Commission (FC) - Dan Jennings (DJ)
Stour Valley Arts (SVA)

Minutes

a) Accuracy

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March and 10 May were accepted.

b) Matters arising

SW: Contact the Phillips Fund regarding a grant for re-puddling the pond.
Contacted them but they are not appropriate, they suggested Grass Roots.
JS offered to complete the grant application on behalf of FoKW

DS/SW: Investigate "Grass Roots" as a source of funding for a notice board
Committee have decided not to proceed until we have more time to pursue.

SC: Add the 2009 AGM minutes to the website (watermarked "Draft")
Done.

JS: To speak with Mike Phillips' and see if he will lead the Pond Walk
No longer required.

DS: Contact the George about using their car park (after Foraging has been confirmed)
Done.



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Agenda

a) Chairman's Report (DS)

Mini beasts, 15 attended, was well received.

Bat walk, 13 attended despite being cancelled. Walk went ahead despite Jules being ill. Another bat walk will be arranged to make it up to those who were cancelled.

Night Jars walk, 13 attended, managed to hear and see the birds before the fog dropped down.

Boughton Aluph Fayre, 90 prizes distributed, 1 new membership

b) Treasurer's report (SW)

£1190 in the current account. No forthcoming expenses.

c) Membership report (SC)

119 Memberships on file with 73 active, the remainder are lapsed from 2008 & 2009.

d) Stour Valley Arts

Access to Nature grant submitted, the bid includes a replacement notice board.

The Coppice Cloud Chamber has been decommissioned and taken down after 13 years because of the damage caused by vandals.

Midsummer picnic is 7pm on 24 June. Friends will email the membership and invite them.

e) Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership Update (JS)

Will continue to work on the walk leaflets and bring something to show for the next meeting that John is able to attend.

f) Forestry Commission Update

DJ emailed during the week to advise there was nothing to report.



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g) Awards for All

Out grant requires that we have the work completed by 24 February 2011. The committee agreed that we should set a deadline of 8 November to ensure we complete the work in plenty of time.

The committee discussed the graphics for the "popup" display and are keen to tie this in with the walk leaflet.

h) Walks and Events

Reptile Valley	20 June	MS, GS, SC, SW, DS
Kennington Fete	26 June	MS, GS, DS
Medicinal Herbs	27 June	MS, GS, SW, SC, HC, DS
E&E 3 Mile Walk	7 July	SW, MS, GS, DS

AOB

GS met someone who teaches conservation and would be willing to do a talk at the AGM and will send contact details to DS.

JS mentioned the Blean Woodland Festival, 10am – 4pm on 11th September at Strode Park, Near Hearne.

JS advised that he cannot attend the next committee meeting.

Actions

- SC: Send DS a few pages of Membership application forms.
- GS: Send JS and SC photos from the mini-beasts day.
- JS: Arrange someone to complete the Grass Roots grant application for pond repuddling.
- DS: Approach Ashford Art School for someone to help design a stall for use at fairs.
- GS: Become our Press Officer and submit photos and articles to the media to raise profile.
- DS: Submit the pond survey form to the FC when WH/SW have provided the details
- SC: Bring some walk leaflets for JS next meeting.
- SC: Book 3 places for MS/GS on the Medicinal Herbs walk.
- GS: Send contact details for the Conservation expert to DS.
- JS: Progress the walk leaflet and contact DS to arrange a meeting

Next meeting

Monday 12 July 2010, 7pm