



# The Friends of King's Wood

## Committee Meeting minutes - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**1. Present** - Diana Sawyer (Chairman), Jules Hall, Wendy Hogg.

**2. Apologies** - Heather Standen, Wendy Jolly, Kate Harris (Forestry Commission), Jon Shelton KSCP.

### **3. Minutes - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed there being no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report – DS**

#### **a) Walks & Events**

Pond Surveys - 21 April, 19 May

Forest at Dusk - 14 April - 8 attended

Round About Challock - 23 April - 4 attended

Twilight - Bluebells & Deer? - 26 April - 12 attended

Bluebells & Cupcakes - 30 April - 11 attended

Wriggling Reptiles 14 May - 8 attended

Bashful Bats 20 May - 13 attended

Boughton Aluph Fete 10 June - 101 free children's prizes won

Extracting Balsam 11 June - 6 attended

Challock Parish Meeting - 13 June DS attended to promote the Friends

Nightjars Twirling 16 June - 12 attended

Valley of Flowers 25 June - 12 attended

Woodland Ways of Seeing - 9 June - 6 attended

Litter picking 10 July - cancelled

Mini Bio Blitz 26 July - cancelled (adverse weather forecast)

Secret Forest - 2 September - 7 attended

Forest Birds - 9 September - 15 attended

**b)** Historic memberships and renewal dates - it was suggested that members from 2016 should remain on the email list until after the annual quiz in March 2018 and then be removed if not renewing.

**c)** Village Fetes and charging for pitches - DS reported that Kennington fete had started charging £20 for pitches. FokW did not have a pitch this year and it would be kept under review.

**d)** Purchase of new dormice boxes - these had been obtained by Jason Adams.

**e)** Explore & Enjoy leaflet - DS had made a start on the Awards for All application.

**f)** Prof. Richard Griffiths was awarded the Zoological Society of London Marsh Award for Conservation Biology on the 20th June and congratulations were sent by the Friends.

### **5. Treasurer's Report - HS**

HS reported the bank balance was £1565. Only a small increase but no expenditure expected in the short term.

### **6. Walks and Events 2017– who's doing what?**

Noble Trees - JS, DS Chilham A252, public car park - Sunday 24 September 10:00 - 12.30pm

Elusive Dormice - JA, DS - Sunday 8 October 10:00 - 12 noon

Duelling Deer - SH, WH, JH - Sunday 15 October 6:30am - 8:30 am

Perry Court Apple Fayre DS, WJ - Saturday 21 or Sunday 22 October 10:00am - 5:00pm

### **7. AOB**

WH had seen some signs that might be suitable to put up near the pond.

### **8. Date of next meeting**

Monday 9th October 7pm