Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th April 2015

Present

Diana Sawyer (Chairman), Heather Standen (Treasurer), Wendy Hogg, Kate Harris

Apologies

Wendy Jolly, Jon Shelton (KSCP)

Minutes – 9th February 2015

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

Chairman's Report - DS

Country Quiz – 9 tables – 27 quizzers - Soggy Bottoms team won Up & Down the Downs – 4 attended

Walks & Events 2015 leaflet – distribution – Kate offered to put the new leaflet on the Forestry Commission (FC) website

The FC had licensed the Friends to undertake pond surveys once more and Wendy had arranged surveys and let Diana have data from previous Cutlers Valley surveys to pass to KSCP for the Pond Restoration Project application to Viridor.

Treasurer's Report - HS

The bank balance was £1958.08

FC update

KH advised that the FC had allowed Stour Valley Arts to use the Studio/Forest Office for three months, at a peppercorn rent, whilst the charity was being wound up. Public liability insurance of sculptures in the forest was likely to revert to the FC following the demise of the charity.

Rubbish/discarded tents with trashed contents, on the Chilham side of the forest, had been cleared up.

Walks and Events 2015 who is doing what?

Pond Survey date/s – Wendy Hogg – 17th April

Challock Circle - Jon Shelton – Sunday 26 April 10.00am cricket clubhouse, Boughton Lees

Bluebells at Twilight – Wendy Hogg Wednesday 29 April 6.30pm lower car park

Bluebells & Cupcakes - Diana, Wendy Jolly, Sunday 3 May 2.30pm Rascally Reptiles – Richard Griffiths Sunday 10 May 9.00am lower car park - Diana Bats Bantering – Shirley Thompson Saturday 16 May 8.30pm - Diana, Wendy Jolly Nattering Nightjars - Diana Wednesday 27 May 9.00pm

AOB

Wendy H suggested looking at the Lush website/a possible application for grant funding if the application to Viridor was not successful.

Diana had a lot of Friends fete and historic materials in her utility room that needed to be properly store or archived electronically. Kate offered space at the FC Bedgebury offices for the originals. Diana had since learnt the KCC Archives would only store minutes, not photos etc and she did not know if photos that included children (albeit now adults) should be stored electronically so more enquiries would need to be made.

Diana also suggested, given our healthy bank balance, that she ask Wiil Hirstle for a quote to make a banner to go on the front of our fete stall, using photos from our Awards for All pop up.

Date of next meeting

Tbc - given the number of forthcoming Walks & Events involving the Committee or the outcome of the Pond Restoration Project application to Viridor.