

Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 27th November 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Tony Bennett, Philip Clark, Diane Devanche, Isabel Edgington, Spencer Holland, Sandra Mortlock, Bill Needham, Alan Palmer, Sally Pocklington, Rebecca Robinett

Apologies: Dale Batterby, Marjorie Cottrell, Rosemary Needham

1. Phil opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the second meeting of the Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve. He introduced a new member, Rebecca Robinett who is the Street Pride Coordinator for Fenland DC
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Isabel to chase up the possibility of an extra bin on the Reserve ASAP.
 - Spencer contacted the prison service but is still waiting to hear whether anyone wishes to be involved.
 - Phil has distributed a draft constitution to all members.
 - Isabel is to invite a representative from the Town and District councils.
3. Finance

Sandra will obtain the necessary forms and liase with Phil to open a bank account ASAP.
4. Constitution

Phil explained that to be a formal group a constitution is needed. The draft constitution was then read, discussed and agreed.
5. Reserve Management Update
 - Phil reported that the Community Payback Team had now filled the potholes in the car park. The new sign and the rabbit fencing

should now be done on Sunday 02.12.12. Spencer to take materials, for fixing the fencing, to the Reserve.

6. Future Workparties and Events

- The last work party, on 4th November, had to be abandoned due to the bad weather. Another work party will be arranged for a date in January/February 2013
- A discussion then took place on various events which could be held to promote the Reserve and increase the number of visitors. These will include:

Big Walkies– with maybe a talk by the Dog Warden on being a responsible dog owner – (end of May / early April).

Dawn Chorus Walk – (late May / early June).

Pond Dipping – joint event with Wildlife Group. Maybe involve local schools. Look at water voles at the same time. A date to be agreed with Alan.

Phil will email possible dates for the above and an Autumn (possibly Dragonflies) event too.

- A website will be set up for the Group – Phil to look into who could help with the set up.

7. Any Other Business

- Spencer raised the issue of boundaries around the car park area. Phil to look into a hedge planting event so that boundaries are clearly marked.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2013 – 7.00pm at Fenland Hall