

## Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7pm

**Present:** Tony Bennett, Philip Clark, Diane Devanche, Spencer Holland, Jennifer Lawler, Sandra Mortlock, Sally Pocklington, Rebecca Robinett

**Apologies:** None received

### 1. Actions from Last Meeting

A signed copy of the constitution was forwarded to Sally.

### 2. Finance

Sandra reported that all costs from the Launch Party have been paid:

Starting Balance	2,400.00
Book Vouchers	35.00
Toilet Hire	308.40
Rachael Steward	152.40
Popcorn Films	87.50
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>£1,816.70</b>

### 3. Logo

A dragonfly was suggested as the logo for the Group. Diane will look at drafting a design.

### 4. Launch Party Debriefing

- Phil reported that over 80 people attended the Launch Party and all feedback received was good.
- It was decided that another day should be organised for 2014 – possible date being 11.05.14.
- Flyers advertising the Group are to be put in the library and other places around town. Hopefully these will attract more volunteers to join us.
- A stall on the market place was thought to be a good way to maybe attract more volunteers. This will be looked into by Rebecca.

- Also talks to groups (such as U3A) will be arranged.
- A March Society talk will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January 2014 at the March Library.
- Scouts and Cubs groups are to be contacted to see if they are interested in using the Reserve to help with their badge work.
- Phil is to create a Facebook Group instead of a Page, so that more people will see it.

#### 5. River Nene Dragon Finder Project Update

Rings End is a good site to develop and increase the water life. Froglife, a Peterborough based charity will help with this - survey and identify the great-crested newts and frogs/amphibians, and management of their habitat.

#### 6. Management Update

- The management plan was updated after the last meeting. Phil gave everyone a copy.

#### 7. Future Workparties and Events

- The next work party will be on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 @ 10am**. Work parties will then take place on the second Sunday of each month.
- The Dragonfly Walk will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013 from 2 – 4pm**.
- The Heritage Open Day Walk will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30pm**. Diane will try to arrange for someone to give a talk on the railway (Hannah's Dad / Mark Brammer).
- Anglia In Bloom Update – still waiting to hear.

#### 8. Any Other Business

None

#### 9. Date of Next Meeting

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 @ 7pm at Fenland Hall.**