

Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7pm

Present: Tony Bennett, Philip Clark, Rachael Garner, Spencer Holland, Sue Lewis, Sally Pocklington

Apologies: Jennifer Lawler, Sandra Mortlock, Sue Odlin

1. Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes from Last Meeting

These were read and agreed.

Litter Bin - Sue is to reply to email saying that we'll go ahead with this and will pay for it.

- Phil to order litter pickers.

Car Park 'going ons' – nothing has been noticed lately.

3. Finance

There has been no change on the account since the last meeting. The current balance is £1201.00

4. Grants and Funding

- Elm & Parish Council Application for Grant. Sue to contact Sandra for Bank Statements to progress with this.
- Lottery Grant Application. Phil and Sue to look at.
- Tesco Grants. Phil to look into.
- Sustrans do an environmental grant for local volunteer groups.

5. Reserve Management Update

The Annual Work Programme has been updated by Phil following the Management Walk. This was agreed.

- Spencer reported that a new padlock for the gate needs to be sorted so that he can drive down with the brushcutter to cut the Woodland Walk. Phil to sort.
- The disabled parking bay needs to be marked out.
- The hedge needs to be cut.
- Some benches will be provided (Facet).
- More trees will be planted in the autumn.

6. Events Programme

Dragon Hunting (Dragonfly Walk) – Sunday 12th July – start 11am to 1pm.

Butterfly Bonanza (Butterfly Walk) – Sunday 19th July – from 2pm to 4pm.

Heritage Walk – Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm – “Nature Along the Tracks”.

Bush Craft event – October/November – date to be confirmed. Phil to contact Andrew at Fenland Bushcraft to discuss.

St Peters Christmas Tree Festival – December 2015 – Jennifer to organise.

8. Any Other Business

Phil to draw up the Pledge for 2015, part of Street Pride. Our priorities for this year were discussed. These included recruiting more volunteers, improving the entrance to the Reserve and the clearing of dog mess.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 4th August 2015 - AGM - March Library

Tuesday 20th October - Committee - The Griffin Hotel

Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Meal - The Griffin Hotel