

Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2013 at 7pm

Present: Dale Batterby, Tony Bennett, Andy Brown, John Claydon, Philip Clark, Diane Devanche, Rachael Garner, Spencer Holland, Bill Needham, Sandra Mortlock, Sally Pocklington

Apologies: Marjorie Cottrell, Isobel Edgington, Alan Palmer, Rebecca Robinett

1. Phil opened the meeting by welcoming Andy Brown, Horticultural Officer to the meeting.

2. Actions from Last Meeting

- Community Payback put up the new sign and have fixed the fencing but this hasn't been done very well and needs to be looked at. Spencer will remove the old sign at the next work party as that was left up too.
- The last work party had to be abandoned due to the weather.
- An extra dog bin can be supplied but needs someone to empty and put near gate for collection as the truck will not drive down to it.

3. Finance

The forms were signed by Phil, Sandra and Sally so that a bank account can now be set up - it will take about 2 weeks. Sandra will forward the bank account details to Phil so the grant money can be deposited ready to be used to cover the running costs of the Group.

4. Constitution

This was signed off by Phil and Sally – Phil will email a copy to everyone.

5. Reserve Management Update

The next work party will take place on **Sunday 3rd February 2013**. Roland will carry out the grass cutting, weather permitting. The grass needs to be kept cut to attract the butterflies. There is also a step near the pond to repair. If there is still snow, hard frost or heavy rain the work party will be cancelled.

6. Future Work Parties / Events

Phil suggested that the Big Walkies event discussed at the last meeting be incorporated in with a launch party for the Group. This could include a Dawn Chorus Walk followed by breakfast and Big Walkies with the Dog Warden in the morning and Pond Dipping in the afternoon. All members agreed this would be a good idea. The will take place on **Sunday 2nd June**.

Phil needs to contact Alan from the Wildlife Group.

Also toilet facilities would need to be organised.

The disabled parking bay needs a new sign too.

Another work party was arranged for **Sunday 24th March** at 10am so that hedge planting could be done before the launch. Andy to look into where to get the hedging.

A discussion took place on where events would be advertised, e.g Facebook page, local press, free magazines, posters displayed in the Car Park and around March and surrounding villages.

A dragonfly event will be arranged to take place in August/September.

The date set for a management walk is **Tuesday 16th April at 7pm**.

The date for the AGM will be **Tuesday 7th May at 7pm at Fenland Hall**.

7. Any Other Business

Phil asked group members to come up with ideas for a Group Logo.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2013 – 7pm at Fenland Hall