

Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 7th May 2013 at 7pm

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

Apologies: John Claydon

1. Phil welcomed everyone and introductions were carried out as Jennifer was new to the Group.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Constitution – Everyone said they had received a copy of the Constitution. Sally needs a signed copy for the Group Records.

Logo – A logo is still needed for the Group. Phil suggested it incorporate a Yellow Hammer. It was agreed to see if any drawings entered into the competition for the Launch Day, from All Saints School, would be suitable.

3. Finance

There was nothing to report.

4. Reserve Management Update

The Group reviewed the Annual Work Programme and discussed further actions to be taken.

Interpretation Boards – these were added to the programme. It was felt that more were needed, maybe 3 along the Reserve.

Bird Hides were also discussed but it was felt that these should be looked at next year after the proposed wetland extension has been completed.

Hedging was also added, for the Car Park area.

Cycle Hoops were also felt to be needed, so that bikes can be locked up and left, in the Car Park area.

Disability Access to the Pond/Wetland area was also discussed. This would be a major project and Phil is to look into grants available.

5. Events Programme

Launch Day.

- Phil reported that Popcorn TV will be filming the event.
- Phil is to contact the Pet Shop with reference to the Big Dog Walk.
- Phil is to book toilets for the event – approx. cost £300.
- The cost of the Wild Play event is approx. £250.
- Flyers are to be distributed ASAP.

Dragonfly Walk in August – The date of this is to be confirmed.

Jennifer raised the subject of a Heritage Weekend which is taking place the 2nd weekend in September. It was thought that if the Group could organise an event, such as a guided walk, it would be good advertising for the Reserve.

Clean Up Day – **Saturday 1st June 2013 at 2pm.**

6. Any Other Business

Insurance - Phil is to look at obtaining more quotes for suitable insurance for the Group.

Rebecca gave Sally an entry form from Anglia In Bloom Its Your Neighbourhood 2013. Sally to look at completing and returning before deadline of 30th May.

Warden Training – This was attended by Sandra, Spencer and Tony and felt to be a worthwhile exercise.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th July at 7pm at Fenland Hall