

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds

Meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2016

Present

Marion Goodrich	Joyce Bradley
Glen Sibley	Brenda Luck
Peter Rock	Carolyn Redshaw
Lynn Pinson	Carole Danbury
Philip Goodrich	

Apologies received

Patricia Field, Richard Field, Julian Hayes, Mark Sutton, Edna Sibley

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and adopted: proposed by Glen, seconded by Phil

Chairman's Update

The Chairman presented her Annual Report for 2015 - 2016 (copy on file and on the website).

An excellent bulb planting session was held on 2nd October: thanks were offered to everyone who participated.

The Brownie Bat Walk was enjoyed by all who attended even though no bats were detected (until the Brownies returned to the Scout Hut where many bats were airborne!)

A successful Fungus Foray was held on 16th October in lovely weather, though attendance was small (perhaps due to rain earlier in the morning). Sue Shanks will provide a species list in due course.

Phil has kindly taken on the Management Plan as Julian and Tom are no longer available. Tom has left for employment elsewhere: thanks were expressed for his excellent contribution to FOBS. Phil will be meeting with Ryan (SSDC) next week regarding furtherance of the Plan.

The Chairman has received Keith Elder's notes of the recent South Staffs Friends Groups meeting (copy on file). Attention is drawn to items 3a & 3b, 4a & 4b, and 5, re relationships with SSDC officers, the current contract for ground maintenance, and Council support for Friends Groups. It is hoped that Jackie Smith will take these matters forward.

Planter at Library

Wendy Sutton has dedicated one of the planters outside Brewood library to the Sandbeds. £20 was available for planting, which the Chairman has spent to good effect. Glen noted that all the planters have now been adopted.

Financial Report and Accounts

Phil presented the accounts for 2015 - 2016 (copy on file)

As at 30/9/16, cash at bank £140.34, cash float £5.23

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Glen, seconded by Lynn.

After receiving Mark Sutton's grant, payment of Sue Shanks' fee and purchase of primrose plants, the current balance is £433.34

AOB

Jo Scotton's class of 33 visited the Sandbeds with Joyce, Marion & Phil. The pupils planted the primrose plants on the bank by the steps. Delightful handmade thankyou cards have been received from the pupils, with particular mention of "nature hero Joyce".

Ryan emailed the Chairman today that an assortment of 1100 bulbs is available. Planting is proposed for Sunday 30th October and all help will be welcome.

Phil and Pete will build 2 steps below the boggy area, using a sleeper kindly supplied by Carl.

Wolgarston School will be holding another Community Day in July 2017: the Chairman has agreed participation on behalf of the Sandbeds.

Joyce suggested that we buy our own pond-dipping equipment, and that we consider providing more bench seating.

Carole expressed appreciation of Sue Shanks' two recent events (Pond-dipping and Fungus Foray).

Election of Committee

Pete was invited to join the committee: proposed by Lynn, seconded by Glen. The Chairman enquired if anyone would like to take over the role of Chair and received no offers. The committee was re-elected unopposed.

Lynn thanked Marion for her efforts over the year, a sentiment warmly endorsed by all present.

Next meeting: 30th November 2016

FRIENDS OF BARNFIELD SANDBEDS CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEARS 2015-2016

At the AGM in October 2015 the Committee were as follows:-

Marion Goodrich(Chairman), Phil Goodrich (Treasurer), Julian Hayes(Vice Chairman) Brenda Luck(Secretary), Lynn Pinson(Vice Chairman), Joyce Bradley(Wildlife Officer), Glen Sibley (Webmaster & IT Officer) and Tom Graetrex(Maintenance Plan Development)

November - we cleared the gully and did a letter pick. Tom made an Action Plan and sent it to Ryan.

December - only 6 people attended the meeting. Glen was thanked for his tri-fold leaflet.

January - The Friends Group meeting at SSSC Offices was most successful and we collected another 500 daffodil bulbs to plant! We had the first meeting of the D of E students with their parents and we decided the tasks we would cover. The bird boxes were cleaned out and Peter Rock was thanked for the fantastic new boxes he had made. Colin gave us a very interesting talk on the Island of Lundy.

February- We had a walk around the site with Ryan choosing the 2 rotten trees to be felled . The D of E students and parents began to clear a new path on site.

March - New bug houses were made where the beehives used to be and 100 primroses were planted. Tree trunks were moved from the path site including the one that the contractors felled across it after we had cleared it!

April - Steps were being made for the steep slope from the felled trunks and sleepers. Scrub was cleared by Pete and Glen.

May - The D of E students completed their 3 month secondment and the Guides visited the site on a lovely sunny evening.

June - The Chair's meeting at Kingswood was attended by Marion and Joyce. Lynn & Joyce printed their excellent fact sheets and they were ready to download online. Marion & Glen surveyed the Japanese Knotweed.

July - Sue Shanks led the annual Pond Dipping and Dragonfly Spotting Event. Phil & Pete finished the steps.

August - We took part in Wolgarston School's Community Day and had 12 pupils at the Sandbeds helping with various jobs including putting the screed on the path.

September - Pete & Phil varnished the seat at the pond and the Brownies had a Bat Walk around the Sandbeds which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

My grateful thanks go to my Committee members for their continuing support throughout the year. Here's to another successful and active one for Barnfield Sandbeds.

Marion Goodrich
Chairman.
Sent from my iPod

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds Accounts

Period October 1st. 2015 to September 30th. 2016

Income £	Expenditure £	Detail
Opening Balance at Lloyds – 275.39		
200.00		1/12/2015 Staffordshire County Council Mark Sutton Funding
250.00		19/4/2016 Brewood and Coven Parish Council
250.00		3/5/2016 South Staffordshire District Council
	50.00	Cash Cheque 54 22/10/2015
	16.00	Cash Cheque 55 12/12/2015
	27.15	Cash Cheque 56 13/1/2016
	35.00	Cash Cheque 57 3/3/2016
	41.00	Cheque to Brenda Luck for number punches and tree tags Cheque 58 17/4/2016
	100.00	Cash Cheque 59 26/4/2016
	100.00	Cheque 60 to Joyce Bradley aquatic plants 30/4/2016
	91.26	Cash Cheque 61 19/4/2016
	299.00	Cheque 62 to Shipton Bulbs 6/7/2016
	54.00	Cash Cheque 63 8/7/2016
	21.64	Cheque 64 to Peter Rock for materials for steps
975.39	835.05	
Closing Balance at 30 th . September 2016 – 140.34		

Cash Movement

Cash In £	Cash Out £	Detail
Cash Opening Balance – 3.57		
50.00 22/10/2015	40.00	£35.00 to Sue Shanks for Fungi Foray £5.00 to Joyce Bradley for aquatic plants £10 to Cash Float = £13.57
16.00 12/12/2015	16.00	To Brenda Luck – plaque for pond bench
27.15 13/1/2016	27.15	To Peter Rock for Bird Box materials
	10.00	To Colin McShane for Lundy Island talk 27/1/2016 Cash Float = £3.57
35.00 3/3/2016	19.07	To Philip Goodrich for Screwfix fittings Cash Float = £19.50
	12.39	To Marion Goodrich for 50 Primroses Cash Float = £7.11
100.00 26/4/2016	100.00	To Lynn Pinson for Bog Plants
91.26 19/4/2016	83.16	43.90 to Philip Goodrich for Sleepers (step project) 39.36 to Peter Rock – materials for step project Cash Float = £15.21
54.00 8/7/2016	54.00	£30.00 to Sue Shanks for Pond Dipping £24.00 to Philip Goodrich for weed switches (Buxtons) Cash Float = £15.21
	9.98	20/7/2016 to Marion Goodrich for gardening gloves – Dobbies (DoE Students) Cash Float = £5.23
Cash Float Closing Balance = £5.23		