

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – General Meeting

Minutes

Parish Council Offices Wednesday 26th. January 2022

Attendees:-

Joyce Bradley	Glen Sibley	<u>Marion</u> <u>Goodrich</u>
Claire Russell	Carole Danbury	Philip Goodrich

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

No matters arising. Acceptance proposed by Joyce and seconded by Glen.

2) Chairman's Update

- ❖ Marion welcomed Claire Russell to the meeting.
- ❖ Adam Fairey has made a new bug hotel.

SSDC Teams Meeting 12/1/2022

- ❖ The chairmen of Friends of Bilbrook and Perton attended in addition to Marion.
- ❖ Marion gave an update on Friends of Barnfield activities, including our partnership with the Best Kept Village Team – which led to a CPRE

Community Involvement Award. CPRE will donate a commemorative tree – a hawthorn hybrid. The Friends Group had given CPRE members a guided tour of the Sandbeds.

- ❖ SSSC has proposed a follow – up meeting and this will be preceded by a Teams meeting for Group Chairmen.

Additional Items:-

- ❖ Revised site map – Glen has taken out a subscription to Ordnance Survey – which gives access to maps. Glen will use GPS to map the path network accurately.
- ❖ Standard Working Parties will resume 27/3/2022.
- ❖ DoE Support will resume end February.
- ❖ Marion thanked Phil and Peter Rock for their continued contribution to site maintenance.

3) Finance Update

Balance at 15/12/ 2021 = £1052.62

Six replacement bow saw blades purchased 17/1/2022

Current Balance (excludes lottery) = £1024.68

A grant application has been made to Brewood and Coven Parish Council (£250), and initial feedback is encouraging.

A Veolia Grant application can be made up to the end of February.

Phil suggested that a petrol hedge trimmer would be useful for general maintenance.

Marion suggested an additional bench on the path leading to the pond.

Phil requested a decision from the Committee prior our next meeting so that a timely application can be made.

4) Other Business

Phil requested Committee support to explore reduction of the height of one of the pond dipping platforms. The plan is to remove the top structure and then reduce the height of the legs without disturbance of the pond liner.

Date of Next Meeting – February 23rd. 2022.

Philip F. Goodrich 28th. January 2022.