

**Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Minutes of General Meeting 26th. February
2025**

Brewood and Coven Parish Council Offices

1) Attendees

Marion Goodrich (Chairman)

Lynn Pinson

Carole Danbury

Philip Goodrich

Apologies – Glen Sibley, Maggie Bailey

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

No matters arising - acceptance proposed by Lynn, seconded by Marion

3) Chairman's Update

- Display Board for memorial plaques – wooden components require staining. Final site to be agreed. Size of plaques and proposed contribution will be specified. Final site will be agreed.
- Chairman's talk to Inner Wheel 19/3/2025.
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – we have seven students working for one hour on Sundays. They have made several bird boxes, created log piles and are restoring the triangular paths at Deacon's Oak by clearing invasive grass etc.
- South Stafford District Council update – some movement at last on the replacement signage boards. Knotweed spraying is scheduled for April. We have requested self – sealing gravel for the triangular path restoration. The Council's tree surveyor will be visiting the site in the next week or so.
- Our new bank account with Nat West has been opened.
- Lynn offered to help supervise the DoE students.

4) Financial Report

Phil confirmed that the Lloyds bank account has been closed and the balance of £761.60 is in the new Nat West account.

Lloyds charged us £4.25 for the January period.

Since the last update we have received £11 from the SSDC lottery.

A total of £77.37 has been spent.

Main items include wood stain for the plaque project, timber for the plaque facing board and bird boxes and protective gloves for the DoE students. Full details will be in the annual report and accounts

5) Other Business

- Squirrel Shooting – SSDC has escalated this issue to the police. A single eye witness sighting confirmed that an adult male appears to be involved.
- Carole enquired whether the barn owl box (organised by Carole and a former resident Geoff Tanner) and installed by the Barn Owl Trust has been included in the annual bird box survey and cleaning. Phil stated that it was not included as our understanding is that a licence is required. Carole noted this and will make enquiries with the Trust.

Date of Next Meeting – April 30th 2025