

## **Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Minutes of General Meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>. 2025**

### **Brewood and Coven Parish Council Offices**

#### **1) Attendees**

Marion Goodrich Lynn Pinson Maggie Bailey

Carole Danbury Glen Sibley Philip Goodrich

**2) Adoption of Minutes** – No matters arising – Adoption proposed by Glen, seconded by Lynn

#### **3) Chairman's Update**

- The first two plaques have been placed on the memorial board, with several family members attending. The agreed process had been followed with the initial approach via the Chairman and plaques produced by our partner engraver at Birches Bridge.
- New Interpretation boards have been installed.
- Darren Allen (South Staffordshire District Council Tree Inspector and Tree Team Manager) visited the site and inspected work carried out by the pond. He agreed that the team would return to chip some of the smaller branches and make secure (wired) log piles for the remainder. The damaged bench would be removed. Some work has been done but a second visit is required.
- We have raised the general state of the pond once again, and have approached Dan Saberton (Staffordshire County Council water course expert) for advice.
- Wolgarston School Community Day was successful – a further length of grass path was secured with hardcore and self-sealing gravel. Thanks to David Dunn and Keith Ryding for their help on the day.

#### **4) Financial Report**

- Cleared Balance at Nat West is £807.43
- We have a pending credit of £40 (donation for the initial plaques)
- Balance = £847.43
- The grant of £250 from Brewood and Coven Parish Council is included – received 30/7/2025
- We received £250 from SSDC 16/9/2024 – and this was shown in our accounts as a refund of the gravel we ordered 3/7/2024 for the previous Wolgarston Community Day (SSDC had promised to fund this activity). On further investigation the SSDC money was an annual grant – this was not notified at the time. Ryan Taylor has promised to arrange the refund.

#### **5) Other Business**

- Annual bulb and plant order – following discussion it was agreed not to order additional material at present. We will conduct a survey in Spring 2026 to identify areas where additional bulbs and plants may be required

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

October 29<sup>th</sup>. 2025