

**Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 27th.
October 2021**

Brewood and Coven Parish Council Offices

1) Attendees

Marion Goodrich

Glen Sibley

Philip Goodrich

Lynn Pinson

Joyce Bradley

Apologies – Carole Danbury

2) Matters Arising

No matters arising from previous meeting

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Lynn and seconded by Joyce

3) Chairman's Report

We have to travel back to October 2019 to begin this report.

At the AGM we welcomed the Committee members for another year:-

Chairman – Marion

Secretary and Financial Secretary – Phil

Joyce

Glen

Lynn

November 2019 saw us erecting a new bug hotel by the Horsebrook Lane entrance made by Glen. Also the bird boxes were cleaned and made ready for Winter and the survey was put on the website.

December was the final planning of the wild animal plaques before Charlotte Wiley and David Christison painted them. We chose 16 different designs and Claire Warburton fired them in her kiln.

2020

January – Phil and I attended the Veolia awards and we spent the money (£350) on a new strimmer. We welcomed five new DoE students and their parents who came along to help.

February – we had a Working Party to complete the new bug hotel.

2021

July – we held a Committee Meeting to discuss the return of the General Meetings and to catch up with all the site maintenance we had continued with during the pandemic – mainly carried out by Phil and Pete. We really are very grateful for all their hard work.

September – the meeting was held in Brewood Parish Council Offices.

We were pleased to announce that all 17 Wildlife plaques had been erected around the site.

The three bug hotels are all completed.

All the bulbs and plants were ordered and received from Shiptons and have been planted with the help of our three DoE Students – Ali, Hayden and Owen.

Paula Whitfield planted up a memorial site for her husband David with the help of CARE – a special need group from Cannock.

Joyce and I catalogued the wild flower plants growing in the Sandbeds during two weeks in August and the list was put on our website.

I would like to thank my loyal Committee for their help and support during the pandemic. With their involvement in the Sandbeds we were able to open it for the use of all the local people when it was allowed during lockdown. It was a beautiful and safe oasis in the time of need.

Marion also reported on two other issues:-

Ryan Taylor (SSDC) had recently responded to three questions:-

- Reimbursement for purchase of fence posts – this has been passed to SSDC Finance for payment
- Bulbs for Friends Groups – Ryan stated that daffodils were in stock and he will pursue other varieties.
- Copy of site plan for notice boards at entrances – this has been requested from the Design Department

Marion had been contacted by Kris (Local Scout Leader) regarding their involvement. Subsequently, a meeting had been held (Kris, Phil and Marion) and it was hoped that the Scouts would take over the construction, installation and annual maintenance of the bird boxes.

Joyce asked whether additional open fronted boxes could be considered.

4) Committee Members

The existing Committee members would continue – Phil will produce minutes.

5) Financial Report

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the period October 1st. 2020 to September 2021 were distributed to attendees.

The balance at Lloyds has reduced slightly from £1235.80 to £1141.15 – reflecting our reduced activity levels in the past year.

Five fraudulent transactions had taken place – Lloyds were contacted and were very quick to refund the money.

We received a grant of £250 from Brewood and Coven Parish Council and £212.39 from SSDC as compensation for the erroneous spraying of boggy area plants.

In October 2021 (new financial year) we spent a further £100 for 300 daffodils from Shiptons.

The Accounts will be posted on the website.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Lynn and second by Glen.

6) Other business.

No other matters arose – the meeting was closed at 20:00