

**Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – General Meeting Minutes – 15/12/2021 Parish
Council Offices Brewood**

Present

Glen Sibley, Joyce Bradley, Marion Goodrich, Philip Goodrich, Carole Danbury

Apologies – Lynn Pinson

1) Matters Arising

No matters arising from previous meeting.

Adoption of minutes proposed by Glen and seconded by Joyce.

2) Chairman's Report

- The Chairman welcomed attendees
 - Hedgehog Boxes – six have been made and installed by Adam Fairey. He has also been able to repair most of the recovered boxes, and these have been reinstalled.
 - Ryan Taylor has confirmed a Friends Group meeting for 12/1/2022 18:00 at Codsall.
 - Information Boards Update – Ryan has supplied the text of the current notice. This was discussed and amendments suggested. The Chairman will produce a draft revision and circulate for comments.
 - Trifold leaflet – the photographs on the front cover will be amended to show the pond, the wildlife plaques and Phil and Pete working on the fence repair. Phil will provide a revised path layout on the East side of the site for Glen.
 - Bird Box Survey - The survey was carried out on four dates:-
29/9/2021 (Matt, Emma and Phil) and 28/11, 5/12 and 12/12 (Adam and Phil). Thanks to all who helped. This was the first full survey for two years. In 2020 we checked the boxes on the West side of the site (Orams Lane to Horsebrook), but lockdown restrictions prevented completion.
- ❖ 45 boxes were checked
 - ❖ 30 had nests
 - ❖ 15 were empty
 - ❖ Percentage with nests = 66.6 (in line with previous years).
 - ❖ Three boxes were noted as “no access” (height)
 - ❖ 16 new/ repaired boxes were fitted, including 2 “with nest” and 3 “without nest” boxes – giving a net gain of 11
 - ❖ Current population is 56
 - ❖ Our tree tag markers go up to 80+. Allowing for some gaps in the numbering sequence there are probably 12 – 15 boxes that have been lost without trace!

3) Financial Report

- Balance at Lloyds 22/11/2021 = £1064.06
- Additional bird box fixings from Screwfix - £15.44
- Current Balance (includes £4 from SSDC lottery = £1052.62

4) Other Business

- Glen offered to organise and lead a Dawn Chorus walk and will provide dates of two meteor showers in 2022. Marion would like to reintroduce pond dipping and fungi foray events, but felt that it was premature to make firm plans.

Date of next meeting – 26th. January 2022 Committee at 19:00 and General Meeting at 19:30