

## **Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Minutes of Combined Committee and General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup>. December 2025 Brewood and Coven Parish Council Offices**

### **Attendees**

Marion Goodrich, Glen Sibley, Lynn Pinson, Philip Goodrich and Carole Danbury.

Apologies – Maggie Bailey

### **1) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Phil stated that he had not noted the acceptance of the Financial Report presented at the Previous meeting (Annual General Meeting). Attendees confirmed acceptance of minutes and financial report.

### **2) Chairman's Report**

- A plaque acknowledging donations to fund the replacement bench at the pond has been installed.
- A local metalworker has produced designs for a fish and a frog plaque for this bench. We have asked him to produce these.
- We have had no approaches as yet for prospective Duke of Edinburgh Award students.
- Ryan Taylor has confirmed that pond work is in the queue.
- Ryan stated that external contractors will be needed for installation of a handrail at the steps.
- Annual Bird Box Survey – this has been completed – thanks to Phil, Simon and Adam for this. Details are included below.

### **3) Financial Report**

Phil reported as follows:-

At 5/12/2025 uncleared balanced at NatWest is £1009.99

Available funds = £992.99

Pending Transaction - £17 for bench plaque

Recent expenditure – Screwfix – wing nuts and wood to metal dowels - £19

We received a £250 grant for 2024 – 2025 and a refund of £250 for gravel purchased for the 2025 Community Day project.

Ryan has confirmed that a £250 grant will be paid for 2025 – 2026

#### **4) Bird Box Survey**

The main points are included below:-

- 1) The annual bird box survey was carried out during November 2025. Thanks to Adam and Simon for their assistance. Additional thanks to Adam for rapid repair of several damaged and recovered boxes, the majority of which have been re – installed.
- 2) A total of 53 boxes were inspected. Several more are known to have fallen during the year; those recovered have been repaired and added to stock where possible. We also installed a donated tawny owl box.
- 3) 34 boxes had nests – 64% of the total.
- 4) 19 were empty – 36%.
- 5) 8 boxes had woodpecker damage – one was repaired in situ, the others recovered for repair.
- 6) Seven new boxes were fitted after completion of the survey.

Date of Next Meeting – 25/2/2026

Philip F. Goodrich Secretary 16/12/2025