

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds 10th Anniversary Meeting, 27th February 2019

Apologies: none

Present: Marion Goodrich, Phil Goodrich, Glen Sibley, Peter Rock , Carolyn Redshaw, Carole Danbury, Ryan Taylor, Joyce Bradley, Patricia Field, Richard Field, Lynn Pinson

Matters arising none

Adoption of minutes: Glen and Phil

Marion thanked Ryan for attending and said it had been a happy partnership for 10 years working to improve Barnfield Sandbeds. Ryan thanked everyone for making it a success and said there was a small article in the Review. He also said some funding was available to friends' groups and to contact him.

Wombourne Friends group have asked if they could contact Marion for information on Duke of Edinburgh students volunteering, Marion said this was fine.

Ryan has been approached by a group of people wanting to do a Forest School from the Sandbeds and asked if anyone had any objections. (no one objected), (He then asked how he might help the group, which was discussed in any other business.)

Marion said Brewood Parish Council have given us a grant of £250.00 and had researched Bug Houses on the internet and passed around some details. These were briefly discussed, and it was decided more research is needed before we make a final decision. The church bench is now ready to be sanded and painted. Joyce is writing another article for Village News.

Phil and Pete have been leaf blowing and they have also coppiced some Hazels.

Ann Ross has contacted Marion about a volunteer fayre at Rodbaston on the 28.3.2019 which we are attending.

The pond dipping in summer is booked for the 7.7.2019 and Marion asked if there was any interest in a Dawn Chorus Walk which there was. Marion Confirmed that the date is set for Sunday 5th May 2019 with Colin McShane leading the event

Phil gave his financial report,

Cash at Bank 29/1/2018 - £310.02

Cheque to Colin McShane £40.00

Balance - £270.02

Grants: Brewood and Coven - £250.00 - approved April 2019

South Staffordshire District Council - annual grant of £250.00 - assume this is ongoing - will check with Ryan

Persimmon - unsuccessful in January - resubmitted February - £400.00

Veolia - funding for strimmer - unsuccessful

Our Lloyds bank account now has a debit card which should make purchasing simpler,

AOB

Phil asked Ryan about a number of issues, there are two trees which have come down and are quite dangerous. Ryan said he would contact Andy Aston. He also queried about the knot weed problem and Ryan said he would look for a more formal solution, and we will continue with the surveys to show where it is on the site, then Phil asked if there was any breed available for the surface of the paths as previously requested. Ryan will check.