

## **Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds**

### **Meeting held on Wednesday 28th June 2017**

#### **Present**

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| Marion Goodrich | Carole Danbury  |
| Philip Goodrich | Brenda Luck     |
| Peter Rock      | Lynn Pinson     |
| Glen Sibley     | Carolyn Redshaw |

#### **Apologies received**

Joyce Bradley, Julian Hayes

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed and adopted : proposed by Phil, seconded by Pete

#### **Chairman's Update**

The Chairman has emailed Ryan Taylor (SSDC) thanking him and the contractor for arranging installation of the pond platform in time for last Sunday's pond-dipping event (copy on file). Having confirmed that the liner would be self-sealing, it was possible to put the platform supports through the liner. The platform looks good and an enjoyable pond-dipping event was held. Phil and Pete will consider whether the sand adjacent to the platform needs some attention. The water level in the pond is down but should improve with the present rainy spell.

Wolgarston's Community Day visit to the Sandbeds takes place on Thursday July 20th. Details are awaited from the deputy headmaster. Useful projects include clearing the copse on the left from Orams Lane entrance (just before the entrance to Top Meadow) in preparation for replanting nettle-bashing

#### **Report from Phil**

1st June : balance at bank £548.83

After payments of £315.00 to Shiptons Bulbs and £40.00 to Sue Shanks, present balance £203.83.

Decisions are awaited from Veolia and Mark Sutton re grant applications.

Cash float £26.85 (includes a kind donation of £20 at the pond-dipping from Phyllis van der Esch).

### **AOB**

The possibility of a second pond platform was discussed. The cost would be £354 (inc. VAT) plus installation.

Benches would be appreciated in Top Meadow and on the bank above the boggy area. Glen observed that the Parish Council receives frequent requests to site memorial seats; he will enquire whether the Sandbeds may be a suitable recipient.

Following suggestions from Phil and Carole, the possibility of turning fallen and felled tree trunks into benches was discussed.

Next meeting: 26th July 2017

Next Working Party: 30th July 2017