

## **Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds**

### **Meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2017**

#### **Present**

Marion Goodrich	Carole Danbury
Joyce Bradley	Brenda Luck
Peter Rock	Lynn Pinson
Patricia Field	

#### **Apologies received**

Phil Goodrich, Glen Sibley, Richard Field, Carolyn Redshaw, Rob Cook

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

Agreed and adopted : proposed by Pete, seconded by Lynn

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

Ryan Taylor (SSDC) is obtaining 2 estimates for installation of the pond platform. No date has yet been proposed. The Chairman will follow this up.

Marion, Phil, Carole, D of E student Samuel and his mum Sara attended the last Working Party and did litter-picking and path clearance. Sam is due to attend for 2 more weeks.

Glen has provided a list of the species noted at the Dawn Chorus Event (copy on the website and on file).

A copy of the Action Plan is now ready to deliver to Ryan Taylor (copy on file).

Colin McShane recently demonstrated at the Sandbeds his heat-seeking device which will show if a bird box is occupied. Colin has kindly offered a further demonstration : there was support for this idea and the Chairman will contact him to arrange a date.

#### **Report from Phil**

Balance at bank £548.83 ; this includes two grants of £250.

A proposal to order 1000 snowdrops and 500 wood anemones from Shipton's,

using this grant money, was approved.

An application has been made to Veolia for a grant to purchase a leaf-blower.

### **AOB**

Ryan has informed the Chairman that instructions regarding JKW treatment have been issued. Lynn observed that a new patch of JKW has sprung up.

The Chairman has emailed Ryan regarding removal of large items of rubbish.

Both of the above issues appear on the Action Plan and it is essential to keep them under review.

A dog walker recently reported an owlet in the car park; the bird was removed to a safer place in undergrowth in the hope that it would be retrieved by a parent.

Following the Bank Holiday there is a lot of litter in the pond (plastic bottles, cans, logs and evidence of drug-taking). A Working Party to clear this will be held on Sunday morning 4th June at 10 am : all helpers welcome.

Next meeting : 28th June 2017