

**MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE**  
**held at 6pm on Thursday 4th September 2013 at the Alhampton Inn**

**Present:** Hilary Harrison (Chair), Rose Hubbard, Gert Schley, Nick Truman, Mark Curtis, Jo Curtis (Treasurer), Nell Hunter (Sec)

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> none	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> signed by HH as a true record	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Progression of wildflower meadow, pond and orchard:</b></p> <p><b>Wild flower meadow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GS confirmed that yellow rattle (Y/R) is not toxic to cattle and NT that periods of cold break it's dormancy</li> <li>○ After pooling information from various sources of Y/R it was agreed to purchase from HH's source at £150 p/Kg</li> <li>○ It was also agreed that, rather than take on too many tasks in one go, only Field 3 would be tackled in October this year. HH to inform Helen Parr at the WT</li> <li>○ MC to measure to confirm that it's 1 acre</li> <li>○ HH to purchase, say, 3Kgs, with WT refunding cost from the £20,000 raised fund</li> <li>○ HH proposed a vote of thanks to MC for all his hard work on the mower</li> </ul> <p><b>Pond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HH to check with Chris Barber when the cattle are coming out of Fs 4 and 5 so that we can put markers in for the pond before the next stage of planting</li> <li>○ GS to approach Tom Yeoman, (expert local ground works contractor) to ascertain availability and cost – and to make sure he contacts JC re paperwork</li> </ul> <p><b>Orchard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HH confirmed prices from Nick Mann, Habitat Aid, of £9.50 p/tree inc delivery (NB: next year's prices may differ – see below)</li> <li>○ MC to measure area so that we can work out how many trees will be needed at 6 – 8 metres apart</li> <li>○ NT proposed leaving the orchard until next year as we have so much to do with w/f meadow, thistle control, pond construction etc. All agreed to tackle it in 2014 – with the possible exception of 2 or 3 mulberry trees, which are slow growing, but which Jon Burgess was particularly keen should be included</li> </ul>	<p>HH MC HH HH GS</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Path mowing</b></p> <p>The WT will continue to mow major paths as per the contract, until we request otherwise. MC to continue mowing small paths</p>	MC
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Thistle control</b></p> <p>As they are becoming an increasingly entrenched, HH to ask the WT if we can use herbicide</p>	HH
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Suggestions for a memorial for Mary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A bench in a dedicated area of the orchard</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Mary’s Garden Walk” with a sign (GS)</li> <li>• A tree stump circle for educational use – something very close to Mary’s heart (JC)</li> </ul>	
7	With no feedback from the FHW to the contrary, the Constitution was ratified	
8	<p><b>A O B:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that a trail bike has been active in the woodland, gouging a track in the new gravel path. All to keep an eye.</li> <li>• JC and MC going on a First Aid course to ensure appropriately qualified people can be on site during work in progress</li> <li>• JC suggested the FHWC have a “Rose’s Gate” fund-raiser</li> <li>• Date of next meeting TBA</li> </ul>	