

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE
held at 6pm on Thursday 11th November 2013 at the Alhampton Inn

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

1	Apologies for absence: none	
2	Minutes of the last meeting signed by HH as a true record	
3	<p>Lease</p> <p>Michelle Byrne of the WT, had copied HH into an email which said FHWC would be leasing Haddon Wood from next year. HH reported that after a conversation with MB to clarify matters, the following was clear:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The WT are not expecting FHWC to lease Haddon Wood in the near future 2. If we do decide to take a lease, MB would be happy to advise on fundraising. 3. MB also said that WT fundraising to date had been achieved from membership only ie without recourse to local businesses, which could leave that avenue open to FHWC 	
4	<p>Stage Two Planting</p> <p>As HH had received a request for a planting plan from Tim Russell (new WT manager) and it was not clear if the contractors knew about the location for the new pond, it was decided that HH would meet contractors on site, on Thurs 14th November to discuss.</p>	HH
5	<p>Pond</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MC and NT have marked out a site 100 x 50 metres (plus a 20m buffer zone to spread spoil) and MC has dug test holes to establish depths of (i) land drains and (ii) heavy clay – both of which are around 2'6" down. The plan is to remove topsoil, spread clay subsoil then re-cover with topsoil 2. NH to produce profile drawings, showing depths, island etc, so that the necessary 3 quotes can be obtained 3. HH to pursue TR for WT tender process not received from Helen Parr (interim manager) 	NH HH
6	<p>Wild Flower Meadow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FHWC to prepare ground and plant Yellow Rattle on 22nd November 2. MC suggested spreading additional wild flower seed along the lower bank of the pond in due course 	
7	<p>Storm aftermath</p> <p>The gate into F4 from the lane has been forced open - despite the padlock – and evidence of tractor activity at the top of the field, where fallen trees have been dragged aside from the old hunt jump.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MC to add a chain to the gate 2. HH to talk to Jenny Jackson, owner of the field on the other side of the hedge, to see what, if anything, she knows about it 	MC HH
8	<p>Mary's Bench</p> <p>MC reported that Stuart Gould wants to erect it as soon as possible after he has finished it, to keep it in shape. The legs will need to be sunk 3' in the ground and being a solid structure, SG will need help to install it. FHWC to decide its location on 22nd November</p>	