

**MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE**  
**held at 5pm on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Yew Tree Cottage**

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

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| <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>Funding</b><br/> Recent weeks had revealed a certain amount of confusion about the amount of funds raised for Haddon Wood, how it has been allocated and what has been spent so far. Asked some questions in advance of the meeting, Tim Russell, of the Woodland Trust, came armed with the following information about expenditure so far: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £20,721 on trees</li> <li>• £7,500 on entrance works</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">= £28,221</li> </ul> <p>TR then referred to an email from Michelle (WT) of 20<sup>th</sup> Jan '14, which contained a list of figures, apparently obtained from Jon Burgess, about projected expenditure for additional elements for the community, amounting to £23,000 –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i><b>Pond</b> - £2k (will rely on volunteer support)</i><br/> <i><b>Orchard</b> - £2k (based on 100 trees contractors and volunteers doing the planting)</i><br/> <i><b>Wildflower meadow</b> - £3k</i><br/> <i><b>Kissing gates x5, access works, info board</b> - £7k</i><br/> <i><b>Outdoor classroom (log benches, willow structures)</b> - £2k</i><br/> <i><b>Schools planting events</b> - £2k</i><br/> <i><b>5 year management</b> - £5k</i></p> <p>The committee expressed surprise at the inclusion of more than half of these items (only one of the kissing gates had been installed at the community's request – the others, plus access works and info board were the responsibility of the WT; the outdoor classroom was an idea mooted as a possible memorial for Mary Schley and would be added by the FHW at our cost, some time in the future; that the schools planting events were the responsibility of the WT and should not come from the community budget) then explained the situation as we had understood it from day one ie:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that £30,000 would be raised by the WT for the wood itself ie trees, stakes, tubes, entrance works etc</li> <li>• and then an additional £20,000 would be raised for elements to be included at the local community's request (represented by the Friends of Haddon Wood) and that (having canvassed local opinion) these would comprise:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pond</li> <li>• An orchard</li> <li>• A wildflower meadow</li> </ul> and would also include a sum for maintenance costs for a period of 5 years</li> </ul> |  |



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|           | <p>...has been installed and has received many compliments – including on the blog [ <a href="http://friendsofhaddonwood.wordpress.com">http://friendsofhaddonwood.wordpress.com</a> ] It was agreed to defer discussion on any further form of memorial to keep focus on outstanding projects</p>  |           |
| <b>8</b>  | <p><b>Flooding at West Lane gate</b><br/>TR to discuss with Highways – HH to get contact details for him, from the Parish clerk</p>   | TR<br>HH  |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>Kissing Gate by the Chapel</b><br/>TR will discuss getting the work done – in the same style as the others - with the contractor (Guy Manning)</p>  | TR        |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>AGM</b><br/>This will be at 7pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. Location to be announced once HH has an idea of numbers wishing to attend.</p>  |           |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>AOB</b><br/><b>Hedge Cutting</b><br/>Contractors have cut the boundary hedges. HH queried the need to cut the southern boundary hedge as there is a fence, then a ditch on the HW side, so all the hedging plants are in the neighbour's field. Other hedges have been cut contrary to both WT instructions and HWC request (eg boundary with GS's land). TR to walk the boundaries with members of HWC Friday 21 Feb</p> | TR<br>FHW |