

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE
held at 5pm on Tuesday, 11th March 2014 at White Chimneys

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>Pros and cons of leasing Haddon Wood Queries were raised in the discussion, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would be the liability for the trees ie for what period and what number need to be kept alive? • Who would organise the maintenance contract ie mowing, spraying and hedge cutting? • Whose would be the public liability? • Would we need to alter the constitution? <p>HH had been trying to get copies of existing leases from TR, but, as this was proving difficult and time-consuming, JC suggested that we ask the WT for a proposed lease for Haddon Wood itself, which should contain all the answers to the above and possibly more. All agreed.</p>	HH
4	<p>Immediate future projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond Whilst TR's email confirmation that funds were in place had been rather informal, it was agreed it was sufficient for MC to go ahead and confirm the booking with the contractor to dig the pond, rather than risk losing the time slot. • Wildflower meadow NT reported that though the yellow rattle had still not germinated, there is no growth in the grass yet either and the sward is still low enough not to need a further cut, therefore nothing needs to be done there at the moment 	MC
5	<p>Actions re access points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH to put up laminated WT '<i>No Parking</i>' signs on the Chapel gate in No Through road ASAP, as dog walkers have been blocking the gateway. Also to print out paper flyers for windscreens along the lines of '<i>No Parking – Access Needed at All Times</i>'. • As the WT have agreed that the FHW can make the necessary alterations to internal slip-throughs and gateways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC is to pipe and level the gap between F3 and F4 when the ground has dried sufficiently. HH to email TR to say we have changed to a safer option ○ MC to lay hardcore in AP3 and AP4 	RH MC/HH MC
6	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH reported telephone conversations with Tim Russell • WT is allowed only 12 volunteers with chainsaw qualifications nationwide. HH to contact Sally to say we have nothing needing work in that line at the moment, therefore no need of one of those 	

places.

- The application to John Crossley, for the £500 offered, was discussed and in particular that it should be used towards the cost of a new sit-on lawnmower to replace the very old one currently used by MC. It was agreed that NT would draft the wording and pass to JC to finish and send off
- All agreed that MC must make expense claims

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