

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE
held at 6pm on Wednesday 18th September '14 At White Chimneys

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

MINUTES	Action
1 Apologies for absence: Gert Schley	
2 Minutes of the last meeting signed by HH as a true record	
3 Matters arising from the last meeting:	
3.3 Wildflower planting	
HH reported that wildflower seed was sown round the pond on 26 th August. In fact, due to a mix-up their end, Habitat Aid sent us two lots and then insisted we kept the second delivery FOC. These will be sown Saturday 20 th September.	
3.5 Grant application	
Original application for a picnic table has been submitted to John Crossley. The quote for a local, hand-crafted table was well over the grant available and so details of cheaper versions available online were included with that application and we wait to see what the response will be. In the meantime, it appears that John Crossley has further funds available and it was agreed that HH would approach him to establish the possibility of increasing our bid to make a locally-made, green oak picnic table a possibility after all.	HH
6 First aid and skills training/certification	
HH is waiting for a response from Sally Glass at the WT to her query about First Aid training for two members of FHW, but has spoken to Sue Jefferies at Somerset Rural Training about brush-cutting/trimming courses <i>...to enable trainees to understand and comply with safety and legal requirements in the use of brushcutters/trimmers, with an emphasis on safe practices, warning signs and guards.</i> The courses take place over one or two days (depending of level of experience) for a maximum of 6 people at a cost of £95+VAT and £30+VAT for the Lantra certificate. It was decided that MC and NT would attend and that Alf Brummell would be asked if he would like to participate too. HH to follow up.	HH
4 Autumn planting	
It was agreed that planting of the final 200 whips would take place on Saturday, 22 nd November at 10.00am. HH had put a notice in the FTN and will email FHW; NH will post blog entry advertising the event nearer the time.	HH NH
HH suggested that Anne Haddon be invited and it was agreed that she should do so.	HH
5 Pond	
With the completion of the pond on 12 th August, discussion at the meeting centred on how to convince the few people who, despite miles of plastic tape and numerous <i>Keep Off</i> signs while wildflower seed and soil settle, persist on both walking the banks and encouraging their dogs into the water:	

- MC to get yet more tape the day after the meeting **MC**
 - NH to write 'Pond Completed' blog entry, to include the above and request that other, law-abiding walkers have a polite word with anyone seen on the wrong side of the tape **NH**
 - HH to write email to FHW explaining the problem **HH**
- 6 Orchard**
- NT has ordered orchard trees from Walcot Organic Nursery, though there is no planting date yet because lifting them at the nursery is weather-dependent – assuming some time during the last week November/first two weeks of December.
- NT to get PO number from Sally Glass at WT, so they can be invoiced **NT**
 - NT will order stakes, ties and protection from LBS Horticultural Supplies, for delivery to Homeacres, paid for from FHW's account **NT**
 - HH to write to Roger Hutton explaining the (moveable) planting schedule and asking if the family would like to be there, or if there is anything particular they would like to do, such as plant the first tree **HH**
 - Discussion ensued about a grass cut and removal, prior to planting and it was agreed that MC would contact Chris Barber for his advice and to ask if he would carry out the work (including general wildflower areas, if possible) **MC**
 - NH suggested tapping stakes in lightly, in advance, to ensure a balanced layout
- 7 Wildflower areas**
- It was agreed that, beyond further grass-cutting, no further action would be taken in the near future.
- 8 Dog Poo**
- HH to apply to *Keep Britain Tidy* for free 'There's no such thing...' posters, in the ongoing campaign against dog fouling. **HH**
- 9 Viridor Credits**
- JC has submitted a preliminary online application to Viridor for funding for a compact tractor for heavier work than possible at present (£9k) and more benches (£4k). If the response is positive a full application will need to be put together in the very near future.
- 10 AOB**
- MC to arrange a trip to see Dave Boyer's pond in Cockhill (Saturday, 19th October?), both to see it and if there are any pond plants we would like to have for Haddon's pond
 - 'Accounts' to be added to future agendas, as standard. Current balance in our account £2792.08