

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at Yew Tree Cottage

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

	MINUTES	Action
1	Apologies for absence: None	
2	Minutes of the last meeting signed by HH as a true record	
3	Matters Arising: - Leasing - Reactions to Heads of Agreement – and questions raised that HH will put forward to JM: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How much is peppercorn rent?• What is meant by 'no structures'?• What can the £10,000 grant be used for ie equipment shed?• Can there be a break clause and if so, at what point?• Is there any form of checking/snagging mechanism at either break, or end of term?• What is meant by 'canopy ratio'? Can it be agreed per field? Would it be according to areas planted now?	HH
4	Updates: – Anne Haddon - HH and GS had a great evening during which AH gave a generous donation to FHW of £500. AH visited the wood the following day and said she was very happy with what she saw and pleased that it is in good hands. Visit to Cross Land Wood – JC raised the fact that Cross Land has not been leased and that in the course of saying so, Jo Middleton had said that we would not have to lease Haddon either. All expressed surprise, as we all felt we had been given no choice but to lease in the early stages, but that, since that revelation, more than one member of the committee had begun to question the desirability of leasing ourselves. HH agreed to contact the group that supplied the yellow rattle seed, to see if they would come and explain how they had been set up, pitfalls etc.	HH
5	Work required in wood: - Thistles – are prolific in the nuttery, at the top of F4 near hedges and in gateways. JC to co-ordinate a date with MC, NT and Alf for brushcutting. Removal of tree guards – HH to ask JoM about supplying safety gear and speak to the Nationwide manager about his	JC

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volunteers' expectations. After discussion about the risks of involving the latter, it was agreed that tree guard removal should be a Friends day only

HH

Fallen tree clearance – as the responsibility of the WT, HH agreed to contact JoM to deal with it.

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6 **Open Gardens: -**

- down to nine gardens, as Jess Leach has sprained an ankle, so won't be able to get ready in time
- the pre OGs tour would start at Paul Nicholls at 5.30pm
- NT would like help with parking and Tom Passmore will step in
- NH and RH to place road signs
- RH to produce postcards for sale
- HH said that she wanted to spread the admin role for the next OG in 2019
- GS requested plant sale signs, which NT agreed to provide
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7 **Accounts**

Since the AGM there have been donations of £504, expenses of £126.75 leaving a current balance of £6564.97 (with £80.02 in transit)

9 **A O B**

Yellow Rattle - JoM had suggested letting half the YR self-seed and harvest the remainder to extend the strips in F2, supplemented with more that he would supply. NB the seed supplied by the WT last year cost £700, so maybe there could be a fundraiser for this in the future

Tree Stakes - JoM to supply 60No for the remainder of the orchard