

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

held at 7.15pm on Thursday 15th August 2018 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: -

Removal of tree guards – MC (with paid assistance) to take a load to Evercreech Junction, from where they will be transported to Bristol to be burned for energy. The WT have agreed to pay. Any volunteers should feel free to join HH and JC stacking tubes (rather than removing from trees) on any future de-tubing sessions

MC

Orchard – HH to email friends to help themselves to this year's small amount of fruit

Brushcutting – Paul Allen has asked NT and MC to provide details of their businesses. HH to email them and JC to remind them to do so.

**HH/MC/
NT/JC**

Fundraising –

- **The Rendezvous** – RH will have a table again in October after a break and in the meantime ask Louisa for a table at the Alhampton Duck Race on 26th August.
- **Merchandise** – Sold so far: -
 - Open Gardens - £141.40
 - From Home - £143.00
 - Random - £23.80
 - Alhampton Arms - £20.00
- **Open Gardens – Ditcheat, 17th June** – the Haddon Wood share was £1155.00, not including merchandise. Date for Alhampton OGs suggested as Sunday 5th May. HH to check Charles Dowding's availability
- **Castle Cary Market** – would cost £13 for the first week and £10 thereafter. A gazebo would be needed, plus public liability insurance so it was agreed that it would not be worth it.
- **Christmas cards** – it was agreed that RH should organise these – packs of 6 small cards @ £5, or two packs for £8.
- **Hedge cutting** - a meeting has been agreed with Paul Allen to walk round and discuss future cuts on Wednesday 5th September. Supper after at Rose

HH

RH

FHWC

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- Cottage
 - **Willow teepees** – JC reported that local artist, Angela Morley, from Pylle, would charge £260 p/day, plus £45 p/wigwam (2 x 1.5m), with a maximum of 3 people attending.

- 4 Hay Cut** – All Yellow Rattle has dropped its seed, so no work possible or needed to harvest. MC has spoken to Chris Barber who will not be cutting his own until September (bad regrowth because of the drought) and will probably do ours at the same time. **MC**

- 5 Car Park Thefts** – HH to email PA saying that MC will mow where agreed, but that serious work is needed by the gate in F3 to remove embedded black plastic and remove hedging to improve visibility. MC will take a digger in if WT will cover the costs. HH reported that she has replaced the theft warning signs 3 times and is so fed up that she has enlisted the aid of the local PCSO (Guy Dury), who is looking into getting more official signs. **HH/MC**
HH

- 6 Dog Poo and bins** – RH to make new, different coloured signs as the problem has increased over the summer. HH to ask PA about WT policy on bins. NH to make fresh enquiries with Somerset Waste Partnership re emptying. **RH**
HH
NH

- 7 Ash trees at Tin Tabernacle** – having seen no sign of this on the orchard side, we would prefer to keep them for (a) aesthetic reasons and (b) protection from the prevailing weather. The PCC should bear the cost of removing any overhanging branching.

- 8 Visit to Carymoor Environmental centre** – arranged for 10th September, 5 – 7pm. **FHWC**

- 9 Accounts: -**
Balance £9752.00, in year movement £742.00 **JC**

- 9 A O B**
 - **Chrys Henning's** family will replace their Mulberry tree
 - **MC** and **NT** to brushcut encroaching blackthorn
 - **JC** has updated **1st Aid Kit**
 - **JC** will keep a copy of Safety Guidance, Plants, for Conservation workers, with Risk Assessments
 - **JC** to ask Angela Morley if she does live willow with a view to building one (JC + 2 others, with RH photographing), with those involved teaching others subsequently. HH to ask PA if it would be allowed. **HH**