

## MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

held at 7.15pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at White Chimneys

**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** – next session Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.  
HH to email the Friends.

**HH**

#### Orchard –

- **Re-staking** - nothing further necessary at the moment
- **Recycling tubes** - two alternatives had been identified:
  - Firstly, the manufacturers suggested sending them to a recycling plant they know of in Lincolnshire, but we would need to collect three cubic tons, which we would have to load onto their lorry
  - Southwood (with the merit of being local) had said they could not recycle, but would send them for burning to create energy. A minimum quarter of a ton, at £135/ton. MC said he would take them, with our help to load his truck.

After some discussion it was agreed that the second option would be preferable, so HH would ask Paul Allen if this would be allowed and if the WT would pay for it.

**HH**

**Brushcutting** – Alf will not be doing any more

NT and MC need to provide bank details to HH for forwarding to PA so they can be registered as contractors

#### Fundraising –

- **The Rendezvous** – JC reported that it was probably worn out as an outlet for selling promotional material, though as a surprising number of visitors knew nothing about it, it would continue to be good for PR and educating the locals. It was agreed that RH would put an information flyer together
- **Merchandise** – So far this year £77.50 has been taken, with notebooks and cards still doing well, though no-one seems to be interested in buying pens any more. RH will come up with a list of possible new

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- materials, such as t-towels and jute bags for discussion at the next meeting. **RH**
- **Open Gardens – Ditchheat, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-6.00pm**
    - Confirmed that Ditchheat would donate 50% of takings to Haddon Wood. In return - **NT**
    - parking would be at Maryland Farm and NT and MC would marshal it between them **MC**
    - GS would help with Plant Sales **GS**
    - Charles Dowding would give a talk 12.00-1.30 at a cost of £6/ticket. Entry to the open gardens is to be £5, though a combined ticket would be £10 **JC**
    - Bacon rolls will be on sale before the talk from 11.00am and then teas will be available, both in the village hall from 2.30 and at another venue from 1.00pm. Various committee members would help with washing up and HH will ask if any Friends wish to help. **HH**  
**NH**
- 4 Wildflower areas**  
It was agreed again to leave things as they are and see what happens with the yellow rattle that flowered last year.
- 5 AGM – date agreed as 17<sup>th</sup> April, at the Alhampton, subject to availability, which JC will check. Entry to go in FTH** **JC/HH**
- 6 Hedge cutting – No update as no response received to HH’s emails. HH to pursue** **HH**
- 7 Willow teepees – JC reported that local artist, Angela Morley, from Pylle, constructs 7’ willow teepees (whether with living or dead branches unknown at the moment), which she sells for £400. JC to explore whether she would be willing to hold a workshop in the wood.** **JC**
- 8 Accounts: -**  
Balance £9010.05, in movement £2934.33
- 9 A O B**  
**Charlie Bishop** has taken a drone video of the whole 28 acres and is willing to donate a copy free to RH, from which to take stills.