

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 16th April 2019 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	Removal of tree guards and widening of paths – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next de-tubing session booked for Saturday 20th April. It was agreed to cancel the May session as too close to Open Gardens and not enough people were available for either suggested alternate weekends• It was agreed that MC should purchase a new hedgetrimmer (£350) and attachments (£150).• MC would take mini-digger in to remove tree stumps and appropriate hazards• Open Gardens – parking: HH to check timing of the christening with Lucy. The farmyard would be used for christening parking if it rains. All to have mobiles on the day to aid communication in the event overflow parking in the paddock opposite The Court is required• RH showed the OG poster which she will print at home and reported that once she has the inside info will get 300 copies printed by a Shepton Mallet printer.	HH MC HH
4	Merchandise <p>RH showed one of the new tea towels to universal approval (£5.50 each or 2 for £10) and reported that her first day back at the Rendezvous had netted £26, selling cards at £1.75 or 3 for £5 and postcards on sale at £1.50 for 8. Linda has asked that she bring merchandise to the plant sale on 11 May and RH suggested having sales spots both with Louisa at ticket sales and at Margie's stop during OGs, which was agreed.</p>	RH
5	Harry's bench <p>Ange and Wendy love the idea of an informal bench, but HH has so far not got a definitive answer from them as they are away.</p>	HH
6	LANTRA training <p>HH will check with WT whether private public liability insurance would allow people like Alf and possibly Andrew Nicholls to brushcut in the wood. If so, HH to investigate insurance and talk to Andrew Nichols re LANTRA training and impress on him that he would only be able to use it as part of a team in HW. JC reported that certificates (expiring October</p>	JC HH

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this year) for up to 6 people will cost £30 (assessment) and £110 (training) per person, plus VAT respectively.

7 Committee members – NT said that if anyone new wanted to stand for the committee, he would step back as, sadly, he no longer has any spare time to spend on maintenance tasks. To make selection more formal it was agreed (and HH would email all friends to inform them) that anyone (including existing members) wanting to stand must email her with names of proposer and seconder prior to the AGM

8 Accounts: -
Balance £9624.79

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- Bruton Rotary club have offered to do some de-tubing on a Thursday evening
- HH has bought spare hook blades for the Stanleys
- Rob Travis has made 2 walking sticks and suggested similar, made from supplies from HW, as a potential additional merchandise item. He is prepared to make some
- HH had already taken £10 in plant sales in advance of OG
- Steven Woodgate of WT in Leicester (another Anne Haddon-donated wood) to visit on Friday 26th April for an insight to running a Friends group. JC, RH and NH to meet him there.

JC/RH/NH