

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 4th March 2019 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	Willow Tepees – RH and JC had loved their tepee-building session and the dead hedge they started is planned to be extended to surround the structure, as and when off-cuts are available. In the meantime, the existing hedge will benefit from further, occasional, gentle compression.	
4	Removal of tree guards and widening of paths – It was agreed that paths would be widened by tree removal in the following locations :- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The eastern side of Rose’s gate hedge in F3• The central path in F3, from Rose’s gate to West Lane• The western boundary of F2 MC will remove troublesome stump/root systems where and when necessary to aid ease of mowing and remove trip hazards.	MC
	It was agreed that there would be a tree marking session at 6pm on Tuesday, 2 nd April, meeting at the Chapel gate. JC has coloured spray.	FHWC
5	Purchasing tools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was agreed to buy a spare brushcutter, for the use of anyone officially qualified. MC to check out what’s available and NH to try to get contact details for Richard Peter’s Wincanton supplier and to establish whether he can service the ride-on mower.	MC NH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HH to offer the Friday morning team tools owned by FHW (3 pairs loppers, 3 bow saws) and ask if they need anything else.	
6	Open Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC will mow the parking area in the orchard in preparation for 19th May• It was agreed that tape should be erected to mark the suitable parking areas, ie shielding the badger sett	MC

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- NT will officiate there with Tom Passmore **NT**
- RH will design the brochure and identify a suitable printer (this year, for the first time, printing will be outsourced) **RH**

7 AGM – will be on Tuesday, 30th April at 7.30, upstairs in the Alhampton.

8 Accounts: -
Balance £10,066.62 **JC**

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- Tom Passmore has re-hung the **anti-theft** sign (using 4 bolts top and bottom) in the rugby club gateway
- HH to get a spec for MC from Paul Allen for what hedging needs to be removed to increase visibility **HH/MC**
- JC has ordered 2 more '**No Lorries**' signs
- JC is planning to talk to Angela about making further artefacts from off-cuts **JC**
- **Merchandise** – Profit so far - £123.37. RH, with an agreed budget of £500, will get more cards printed, on recycled paper, specifically floral ones that can be sold during Open Gardens, though at other times too. Also more tea towels of a new design. **RH**
- Angela and Wendy have asked whether they can fund another simple bench as a memorial to their much loved Harry (RIP), preferably with his name carved somewhere on it. They have suggested that, if allowed, others could add the names of their late dogs too. MC would make out of either pine or oak at, say £40 each for the 2 planks needed. HH to contact them to explain the situation with regard to unofficial benches so they can decide the way forward. **HH**