

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday May 30th 2023

1) Attendees

Marion Goodrich

Glen Sibley

Philip Goodrich

Lynn Pinson

Maggie Bayley

2) Minutes and Matters Arising

Acceptance of previous minutes proposed by Glen and seconded by Marion.

No matters arising.

3) Chairman's Update

3.1 Marion's talk to Brewood Civic Society was well – received and £30 had been donated to Sandbeds finances

3.2 Meeting with Ryan Taylor 12th.May 2023 – issues as follows:-

- New lock for Horsebrook North entrance will be provided
- South Staffordshire District Council have a tree expert and an ecologist on their staff. Ryan was asked to arrange visits by both to the site.
- Signage boards – still no date for completion – the job may be outsourced. Marion had reiterated our dissatisfaction with the continued delay.
- Ryan had noted the recommended method of spraying in the Autumn. The programme will continue as planned for this year.
- Marion had stressed the need for thinning out the vegetation at the north end of the pond, and on the sides. The south end should be left untouched as it is an established nesting site. She asked Ryan to consider ways of getting more water in the pond as the level has dropped significantly.
- Deacon's Oak is in full leaf currently, but damage to the bark is likely to limit its life. A replacement oak should not be planted in the same site, as the ground is heavily compacted. A new site should be selected.
- Car Park fence – Ryan stated that SSDC will take on this repair work
- Support with materials (gravel and hardcore) will be given for the Wolgarston Community Day

3.3 Sandbeds historical maps – these had been provided by David Evans and give an insight to the phases of site development

4) Financial Update

Balance reported at last meeting = £1106.71

Expenditure = £7.28 29/04/2023 – petrol for power tools

Income £30 (to Lloyds Bank account 15/05/2023)

Estimated balance 31/5/2023 = £1129.50

Cash Float = £20

5) Other Business

5.1 Working Party 18th. June 2023

- Knotweed Check
- Check safe access to pond prior pond dipping event

5.2 Pond Dipping / Family Day – Lynn will plan a treasure hunt as in previous years.

5.3 Input to annual Shipton's order requested – we will try to order by the end of June

5.4 Danny DP has been reinstalled for the third time – up a tree at the Orams Lane entrance.

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