

Friends of Barnfield Sandbeds – Minutes of General Meeting

Brewood and Coven Parish Council Offices – April 26th. 2017

1) Attendees

Marion Goodrich	Joyce Bradley
Peter Rock	Carole Danbury
Glen Sibley	Philip Goodrich
Carolynn Redshaw	

2) Apologies

Brenda Luck, Lin Pinson and Patricia Field

3) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

Adoption of minutes proposed by Glen, seconded by Joyce.

Carried by meeting.

4) Chairman's Update

- Thanks to Glen for producing copies of the Management Plan.
- Pond Platform Installation – Ryan is progressing this.
- Noticeboards – Ryan is planning to update the two information boards, and will incorporate a lockable section for insertion of Friends Group notices.
- Knotweed Survey – will take place 30th. April 2017.
- 14th. May 2017 – Working party – to focus on path clearance and sycamore removal. We will also look at options (sites and plant types) for Autumn planting.
- 21st. May 2017 – Dawn Chorus walk – Glen is organising this.
- 31st. May 2017 – General Meeting
- Ryan has offered packets of wildflower seeds. Wildflower planting had been unsuccessful in the past so the offer will not be taken up.

5) Management Plan

Copies were distributed and the Plan was briefly reviewed.

- General concern expressed over the impact of dogs on wildlife.
- Some community focussed activities seem to have been missed.
- The Action Plan lacks a clear prioritisation, and this will be taken up with SSDC.

6) Financial Update

Phil gave an update on three funding applications:-

- £250 from Brewood and Coven Parish Council. This is being processed and a cheque will be available by 28th. April 2017.
- £250 from South Staffordshire District Council. Dave Heywood (SSDC Chief Executive) has passed this for payment. He also wants to take up our offer of a site visit, and this is likely to be in August.
- Veolia Enviro Grant Scheme – Application submitted. This is a specific proposal to purchase a Stihl BG86 petrol – driven leaf blower plus safety equipment for Autumn/ Winter path clearance. The Veolia process is that applications will be considered in May, with applicants notified by the end of June.

7) Other Business

- Glen will email Joyce with the website URL so as to facilitate access.
- Best Kept Village inspections will take place from the beginning of May 2017. Pete and Phil have tidied up the two main entrances – which are included in the inspection schedule. The Civic Society have organised additional litter picks.
- Colin McShane has a device which can check nest box activity. He will contact Marion to organise a survey.

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