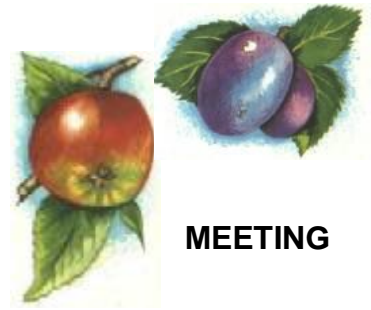


# Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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## NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL

3 March 2004

## MEETING

**Present:** Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Linda Conway (Secretary), Roger Conway (Treasurer), Mary Bagshawe, Sally Burnell, Steven Culverwell, Tony James, Maurice Jordan, Geraldine Moses and Katie Redgate

**Minutes** of Previous meeting – This being the first AGM, there were no previous minutes

### 1. **Welcome**

Margaret Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming those present and requesting the apologies

### 2. **Apologies**

Lin Avery, Barbara Collier, Sheila Cook, Nina Cox, Barbara and Norman Culverwell, Ross Friend, Greg Garner and Dave Topham

### 3. **Report on the work of the Management Committee during 2003**

Margaret Gibson opened by saying that the previous day's Tree Planting Ceremony had been a huge success with many people attending and a beautiful sunny day. And that the work done during the year had been leading up to this. She explained the informality of the group but said that it might be necessary in the future to become a registered charity. Having said that, there was a constitution in place and a copy was available at the meeting for inspection. Somerset County Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council had supported the group with funding and it had, therefore been possible to plant the hedge and 25 apple trees. Since the planting many people had made donations of trees and bushes.

During discussion about the site and the environs Tony James mentioned that the public footpath was in need of repair, particularly if there was to be a greater use. Roger Conway said that he would approach Trevor Noyes (Footpaths Officer for TDBC).

### 4. **Financial Report and Audited Accounts**

Roger Conway presented and reported on the Accounts. He explained that they had been audited by an Accountant, who has recently retired from TDBC. The bankers were HSBC. At a meeting that he had had with HSBC they had indicated that sponsorship by the bank for local initiatives might benefit the Orchard. The Accounts were accepted.

### 5. **Election of Management Committee (Steering Group)**

Margaret Gibson informed the meeting that Lin Avery, Peggy Crowe, Dave Topham and Della Turner were standing down. The other members had agreed to remain and Tony James, Maurice Jordan and Katie Redgate agreed to serve. It was pointed out that the meetings were open to all and the others present indicated that there would

be times when they would like to join in. Sally Burnell asked if the whole membership could be informed of each meeting. It was felt that this would be rather costly. It was agreed that the dates would be posted on the notice board and on the website. It was further agreed to fix dates for the next five months, as follows:

**Wednesdays at 7pm, 7 April, 19 May, 30 June, 11 August and 22 September**

6. **Any other Business**

Margaret Gibson said that, as the previous day had been such a happy occasion, she felt that it would be good to 'socialise' at the Orchard. This was generally thought to be a very good idea and three occasions were noted – Harvest time, National Apple Day (21 October) and Wassail (17 January). Meeting with members of other orchard and woodland groups was also suggested.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm

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