

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP
20 April 2005 at 6 Elm Grove

Present: Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Linda Conway, Roger Conway, Mary Bagshawe, Ross Friend, Tony James, Kate Redgate and Joyce Thomas

Apologies: Geraldine Moses

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed

130 The Committee was re-elected en bloc plus new member Joyce Thomas. Maurice Jordan declined to be re-nominated.

131 Financial Statement

The Treasurer reported on the financial statement and account summary and highlighted the amount donated for Lucy and Dave's wedding (currently £85)

132 Development Management (120)

132.1 Pruning - It was not known whether this had been done but RF would be in touch with Robin Small shortly and would finalise the arrangements

132.2 MB reiterated her concern regarding the far end of the Orchard where the hedge needs to be re-instated and the rubbish cleared from the ditch. Although it was agreed that the contractors had worked carefully.

132.3 There was discussion regarding the field between the Orchard and Silk Mills Road and it was felt that it would be a good idea for this to be a woodland which would fit in well with the lagoons area. It was agreed that MG should contact Western Power regarding the hedge and Dilly Bradley regarding the woodland (keeping Barbara Collier informed).

132.4 Grass cutting would probably start again soon as last year the first cut had been missed and DLO had started on 7 June. Ties and labels needed to be checked too. Also LC would oil the seat again.

132.5 MB reported that she and TJ, KR and JT had planted 9 small hazel nuts in a copse and 3 larger filberts. She also mentioned that there was a rabbit problem.

133 Nature Reserve

Following an article in the local Newspapers several people had registered their worry about the lease and the management of the Orchard as such or as a Nature Reserve. MG had had a meeting with Barbara Collier to point out that there had been no consultation with the Orchard group before this announcement was made. And to ask whether this was now a joint venture with two groups managing the area. BC had pointed out that there were posts with Nature Reserve on them and that English Nature had donated towards the Orchard. She had also reassured MG that the Orchard Management Plan would take

precedence and MG had agreed to put this in hand. After MG's full report on her meeting everyone was agreed that there was unlikely to be any problems.

134 Licence (127)

MG had still not heard from Steven Cuthill but she would follow this up.

135 Cycle Path (128)

The general feeling was that this would probably drag on for some time but RF said that at the next meeting of Cycle Somerset he would ask if anyone had heard anything concrete about it.

136 Motorbikes (101)

There had been an email from Maurice Jordan to say that the bikers were back on site and that they had entered from the Silk Mills Road end. MG said that when she contacted Western Power she would point out the strong need for the hedge to be reinstated.

137 Hard Landscaping (127)

Postponed until the next meeting.

138 Certificates (127) and 'Apples' (68)

Certificates were ready for completion and RF had made enquiries regarding the wooden apples (for gifts). The prices he had received from Yandles of Martock were £16-£20 for large ones and £6-£8 for small ones, for an order of 10. RC would look on the web and approach a friend who did wood carving (Dave Bennett).

139 Future Meetings

The dates had not been announced at the AGM but it was decided to hold meeting as follows

1 June, 13 July, 24 August, 28 September

140 Social Events (123)

140.1 Taunton Deane Nursery would be holding an Open Day on Thursday 19 May at 7pm and all were invited.

140.2 Barbecue was fixed for Saturday 2 July. Arrangements to be fixed at a later meeting

140.3 Apple Day - October

141 Volunteer Time Accounting (126)

MG 5hrs, MB 7hrs, LC 5hrs, RC 7hrs, RF 5hrs, TJ 6hrs, MJ 2hrs, KR 7hrs, JT 3hrs

Date of next Meeting - Wednesday 1 June at 7pm at 19 Roughmoor Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm