

# Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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## NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP

Wednesday 12 August 2004

**Present:** Mary Bagshawe, Linda Conway, Roger Conway (Acting Chairman), Tony James, Maurice Jordan, Geraldine Moses and Kate Redgate

**Apologies:** Margaret Gibson

**Minutes** of previous meeting – These were agreed and signed

### 89 Matters Arising

- 89.1 **Display** (82) - MG and LC had erected this in the foyer of the Library. Several people had commented on it. But it had not yet generated new members.
- 89.2 **Ragwort** (83) - Since the last meeting almost all the ragwort had been pulled, in stages so as not to disturb the cinnabar moth caterpillars.
- 89.3 **Grass cutting** (84) - KR reported back following informal talks. It was thought that by October it would be possible to let the grass cuttings mulch down and therefore KR was asked to negotiate a price with the farmer for the work.
- 89.4 **Seat** (86) - This was in place and looked splendid in the orchard and most appropriate to the area. It was in constant use. As MJ had only seen Ian Roger very briefly when he installed it, it was agreed that an official letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to him via Barbara Collier. LAC would expedite this.
- 89.5 **Trees** (87) - MB said that BC (TDBC) had informed her that £200 would be available from her budget. MB had visited Scotts and had a list of pear trees suitable for the orchard. They had suggested that the nut trees should be planted as a copse. It was agreed that the Community Orchard funding should 'match' TDBC's and that MB should go ahead and order for delivery Dec/Jan. It was understood that there would not be a delivery charge for this size order. MJ told the meeting that Carolyn's Beauty Salon had several trees to give to the Orchard but they would need to be dug up and transported in the Autumn. It was agreed to also approach the owner of Monkton Elm Nursery for a donation.

### 90 Allotment Gate

There was discussion about a walkway through from the allotments to the Orchard beside the top allotment near the railway line. As this was not an official way through but was becoming much used, it was decided that a gate should be fitted to discourage general coming and going through there. It was thought that Ross Friend had one but it was agreed that TJ would follow this up and finalise the arrangement for purchase/fitting.

### 91 Orchard Management

It was felt that the ground round the base of the trees needed to be cleared of growth and all agreed that, after some rain, everyone would go out and pull some weeds as the growth was competing for nutrients.

**92 Work Power**

At the official Tree Planting Ceremony on 2 March a member of staff at Work Power had said that the students would like to grow wild flowers from seed and to plant them in the Orchard. These were now at a stage for planting and the group would be on site at 10am Thursday 13 August to plant them. MB and LC would be there to assist and anyone else who was available at that time would be most welcome. RC would take photographs for the web.

**93 Social Events (AGM6) and Communications (80)**

RC reminded members that at the AGM and in the last Newsletter mention had been made of social events and he felt that another Newsletter should go out particularly as National Apple Day was during October (**Note: Thursday 21 October**). It was agreed that some function should be organised for the nearest Sunday and communicated in the Newsletter.

**Note: This would be discussed with MG (Chairperson) on her return to Taunton.**

**94 Hard Landscaping**

RC reported that he had approached a friend, Dave Orr, who was very experienced at 'bidding for funding' and that he had agreed to help with this. RC suggested that the next meeting spent time on the landscaping requirements and then approached Dave Orr more formally.

**Date of next meeting - Wednesday 22 September at 7pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages  
The meeting closed at 8pm**