

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP

24 August 2005 at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

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

Apologies: Kate Redgate and Geraldine Moses

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed

150 MEETING AT ORCHARD (145)

MG reported on the very helpful meeting on 13 July with Rosie Tremayne regarding the proposed cycle path

151 DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

151.1 Hedge (field) (143.2) - MG had received a reply to her letter to Western Power from BTCV. She and Maurice Jordan had met them on site and it had been agreed that they would supply and organize the planting of a double hedge in a wedge shape. The meeting felt that probably a fence was also required and it was agreed that MG should write to them and ask if they could quote to supply and install it. She would also contact SCC regarding the installation of a gate to protect the Orchard, particularly from Bikers

151.2 Trees (132.5) - MB suggested that as this was the time to put in an order for trees for planting in the winter a decision should be made about what was required. It was agreed that more plums should be put in and some low growing crab apples near the pylon. There had also been more 'donations' of trees, some of which had been specified. It was decided that MB should discuss trees available with the nursery and make decide the appropriate number with him, probably in the region of twenty trees. There had been an ant problem this year, with them making nests right up the guards. MB also said that she had weeded round the trees and it was now time to mulch. MB was asked to ring round for help with this and 151.3

151.3 Hedge (allotment) (143.5) - MB suggested that this hedge be 'topped' during September to encourage it to bush out at the bottom

151.4 The Group was informed that, following the difficulty that had been experienced with weeding the very dry ground, Barbara Collier had organized for it to be done and thanks were extended to her

152 CAMPING

It was reported that there had been someone camping in the Orchard on a couple of occasions. Although there had been no litter or damage there was a hygiene worry and also proliferation. It was agreed that an eye should be kept on this

153 CERTIFICATES AND 'APPLES' (146)

There was discussion about the problems that RF was having regarding the production of the Certificates and it was decided that the format should be simplified and that several of the sections could be completed by hand. JT offered to fill these sections in. It was hoped that these could therefore be completed for the next meeting. Following this RC said that he would be meeting Dave Bennett at the weekend and he hoped that he would have some 'apple' samples to bring to the next meeting (post meeting note:- Dave Bennett is unable to do these because of health problems)

154 LICENCE (144)

MG informed the meeting that Dilly Bradley had 'phoned her to say that this was being pushed forward

155 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (142)

RMC presented the Financial Statement to date (as attached)

156 SOCIAL EVENTS

156.1 Barbecue (148.2) - This had been a most enjoyable evening shared with the cycling club although it was a disappointment that so few Orchard members had attended

156.2 Apple Day (140.3) - This was provisionally fixed for Sunday 23 October but would be fixed after MG had spoken to June and Robin Small to see whether they would like to bring apples etc as last year, when the Orchard Apple Day followed on the Charlton Orchard one

156.3 Wassail (127.4) - As above, this was provisionally fixed for Saturday 14 January but should not fall on the same evening as Charlton Orchard's Wassail (6th Jan). RMC agreed to arrange for a Morris Group. Following last year, it was felt that the programme should be tightened up and that there should be a little more lighting available.

157 PARTICIPATION

TJ raised the question of community participation and wondered whether there was some way of encouraging more people to take an active part. It was generally felt that the membership numbers indicated the support for the project and that as the Orchard matured there would be less hard work needed.

158 VOLUNTEER TIME ACCOUNTING (149)

MG 4, MB 7½, LC 3½, RMC 2, Terry Edwards 5, RF 3, TJ 3, MJ 6, KR ? GM ? JT 1½

Date of next Meeting - Wednesday 28 September at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm