

## **FRIEZE HILL COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

### **Notes of a meeting of the steering group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 08**

Held at 6 Elm Grove starting 7 pm.

Present: Chris Ball, Geraldine Field, Sandie Froggatt, Joyce Thomas, Ross Friend, Katie Redgate, Caroline Turner, Linda Conway, Roger, Conway, Margaret Gibson, Mary Ross

Apologies: Pauline Clarke, Sarah Heal.

#### **MAINTENANCE -**

WORK IN – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 08. Most of the trees now have netting guards and are adequately staked . The day was very successful – and we record thanks to Mary Bagshawe for help with this event. Ian Clarke has offered train some of us to use the scythe. There are several people wanting to plant trees – in January - a bay tree was also offered and accepted - Action – another Work In – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan '09. . Note – have a look at hedges with a view to layering?

ARCH – Thanks to Mary for organising a brass plaque for the arch giving details of the date and donor etc.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT-**

Roger Conway reported that we had £951.19 - but now all bills are paid we have at present £819.14. Note – we have a few more items to buy like netting . We now have 72 paid up members. Margaret gave the names of two new members..

#### **FUTURE – OUR OBJECT –**

We want to protect the land on which the orchard is being planted i.e.. Fairwater Field . We talked of the Conveyance of the land in 1918 – with restrictive covenants – and the need to find out more of the history of the Staplegrave Manor Estate. Joyce Thomas will contact Peter Cook.

#### **NOISE FROM RAILWAY GENERATOR**

The noise from this generator is destroying the peace and tranquillity of the Orchard and also much disturbing nearby residents. – Margaret and Chris are working on a letter to ask Network Rail to act to stop this nuisance ASAP.

#### **FUTURE –**

Wassail January 17<sup>th</sup> 09 – Mummers, Morris Dancing, Bonfire, Apple cakes etc – the lot!

#### **Next Meetings –**

14<sup>th</sup> October 18 Roughmoor Cottages  
25 November 6 Elm Grove  
6<sup>th</sup> January 09 – 18 Roughmoor Cottages

No further business – Meeting closed.