

Notes of the Frieze Hill Community Orchard Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 7.00 pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

Present: Linda and Roger Conway, Mary Bagshawe, Pauline Clarke, Ross Friend, Joyce Thomas, Caroline Turner, Chris Ball (part), Katie Redgate (part)

Apologies: Margaret Gibson, Mary Ross and Sandie Froggatt

Maintenance: good work had been carried out on 5 October, the hedge had been trimmed, the plants around the arbour tidied up and the plaque put up.
Ross will strim around the arbour. Noted that in future the round robin to be sent round in advance of a work-in asking for volunteers as there was a very poor attendance at the last session. Committee members were asked to say if they cannot attend when arranging the date and an alternative will be found.

Mary will order the trees for planting in January. There is one cherry that needs replacing and it was agreed that the Committee would purchase half a dozen trees to be planted at the lower edge of the orchard, these could include elders, cherries and a bullace. There are a couple of people who want to donate trees and they will be asked if they would like to buy one of these.

Finance: There is currently £834.14 at bank, the insurance and subscription are due at the end of the year amounting to £130. We now have 74 paid up members.

Fairwater Field: Joyce had spoken to Peter Cook with no information forthcoming. Community land can be handed over but you need to go down the charitable status route.

Railway noise: Chris read out a letter he had drafted to Network Rail. The Committee agreed the wording of the letter. Chris to contact Margaret for agreement of wording.

Taunton School: Fully discussed the proposal by the school to hold 15 outside events a year. Some Committee members would be attending the Licensing Sub-Committee on Wednesday 15 October. Discussed the strategy to be followed.

Sustainable Communities Act: This gives communities more power but the Council has to opt in. Katie to email out details of this.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25 November 2008 at 7.00 pm at 6 Elm Grove.