

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP

11 January 2006 at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed

Although the meeting was primarily to confirm last minute arrangements for the Wassail on Saturday 14th January the following were mentioned briefly

167 GREEN FLAG AWARD (164.3)

MG now had the Licence and would pass this to RC to include with the application

168 CERTIFICATES AND 'APPLES' (153)

Both MG and RF had sample Apples to show and it was agreed that RF should try to make contact again with his artist (who had said that he was going away for a period) to see if he could supply as they were considerably cheaper than the other sample, although if not available in the short term MG would order first set from her contact. LC would investigate the leather leaf for inscribing. It was also decided that the presentation of Certificates and/or 'Apples' should be a Ceremony following the AGM. It was hoped thereby to encourage more people to attend. A list of names was being compiled but the initial order would be for 20.

169 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RC reported that the insurance had been paid for the forthcoming year and that Barbara Collier had authorised a contribution of £150 towards this. The Annual Accounts for 2005 had been sent to Audit.

170 DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

170.1 Trees (162.2) MB reported that 14 trees and stakes had been delivered to her house direct which she had heeled in and it was agreed that these would be planted on Wednesday 1st February at 10am.

MB would also contact Dave and Lucie with regard to a date for the planting of their 'wedding' trees. There were 8 of these to plant.

171 SOCIAL EVENTS

MG informed the meeting that those who had been at June and Robin Small's Wassail had thoroughly enjoyed it and said that RS had said that he would supply apples for the children on Saturday 14th.

171.1 Wassail (165) It was agreed that arrangements should commence a bit earlier than last year so 4.30pm was agreed for assembly and setting up, 6pm for lighting the bonfire (responsibility of MJ and TJ) and 6.30 for the ceremony to start (MG to

be MC). There would be no waiting around for the Press or the Morris Side - these would fit in when they arrived

Wassail Queen - Lydia Friend

MG : Cake, cider for mulling, cooking facilities, plastic tables, plastic glasses, serviettes

MB : Candle lights (including guy ropes), Allotment gate open for J&RS

LC : Candle lights (including guy ropes), membership forms, donations bucket

RC : Old tent, laminated song sheets, toast, small food

RF : Gazebo (depending on weather conditions) Generator/strip light/extension lead, cider, pasting table and allotment table

TJ : Light for connection to generator

KR : Apple juice

JT : Cake

Any other Business

TJ informed the meeting that he would be unable to attend future meetings for personal reasons and that he was, therefore, retiring from the Committee. MG, on behalf of the whole group, expressed sorrow at the decision and thanked him for all that he had done since the formation of the Orchard. He did agree to carry on his work as Archivist and would carry on doing what he could as a supporter.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 8th February (please note change of date to that advertised) at 18 Roughmoor Cottages, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm