

# Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP - 14 June 2007 at 6 Elm Grove

Present: Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Mary Bagshawe, Chris Ball, Linda Conway, Roger Conway, Geraldine Mosses, Kate Redgate, Joyce Thomas and Caroline Turner

Apologies: Ross Friend and Sarah Heal

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed subject to typographical corrections

- 1 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda)  
RF has cleaned & stained the noticeboard ready for posters and membership forms etc. We were too late in submitting our application for the City Farms training day, but in the priority group for the next one. The TDBC nursery open evening was a great success and enjoyed by all those attending.  
Ashes scattering to be done at next planting season (action MB)
2. Maintenance:- A volunteer group from GE Industrial Services Ltd have been doing some essential weeding and clearing, especially to the hedge adjoining the allotments. This firm is also providing some bark mulch for setting around the trees and a working day was set (see dates below) provided RF/MJ can get the strimming done beforehand (Action MG/MB) MG reported that TDBC have also offered some bark for our use (action MG). The gap in the hedge to be filled during next planting season and MB to 'diplomatically' approach Allotment holders who are dumping cuttings in the hedge.  
CB offered a tree for the next planting as did LC, on behalf of her cousin.
3. Arch:- Photos of the willow arch at Glastonbury and a sketch of a metal arch were reviewed and the project was discussed. It was agreed that some more details be prepared on the options, which will include for 2 arches and a seat, and a site meeting arranged with Mr John Garrett, who has offered to fund the project, to decide on the best option. (action MG/MB/GM)
4. Railway:- RMC updated the meeting about the time frame for current rail project (10 years) and the probable removal of the generator (2 months). The permanence of the site was discussed, including the rumour that RailTrack would like to build a road/rail goods interchange on the 'potato' field. RMC to search land registry for details of field ownership. Decided that we may need to motivate local neighbours in future to support any campaign to protect our interests.
5. Finance:- RMC reported that we currently have 62 paid up members and circulated the current management accounts.
6. AOB:- The members presented two rose bushes and a card to Geraldine Moses to celebrate her forthcoming marriage.
7. Dates  
Bark Mulching - Sunday 24th June (10am)  
French Weir Stall - Sunday 12th August (action MB/MG)  
Apple Day - Sunday 21st October (action MG)  
Wassail - Saturday 19th Jan '08 (action RMC)

Date of next meeting- Thursday 26th July - 6 Elm Grove - 7pm  
Meeting closed at 8.20pm