

FRIEZE HILL COMMUNITY ORCHARD

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP - 3 May 2007

Present: Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Mary Bagshawe, Linda Conway, Roger Conway, Ross Friend, Sarah Heal, Geraldine Moses, Kate Redgate and Joyce Thomas, Caroline Turner

Apologies: Chris Ball

Minutes of previous Meeting were approved and signed

1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair - MG; Treasurer - RMC; Secretary - LC (SH to do when LC not available)

2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RMC reported account stood at £690. It was proposed we try door knocking to encourage membership. RMC listed those members that have not renewed. Friends of Weirfield have Open Day 12 August, and it was suggested that we join with them on the day. We need to update the notice board with a List of Trees from MB, and Orchard Background by MG. Also a new Newsletter in 2 months.

3 MAINTENANCE

MB has sprayed around base of some trees. Robin Small had advised this although not horticulturally sound but all agreed best way to deal with situation. Bark chippings good as mulch, SH to enquire. Some trees have suffered from drought. One has been broken. RF had pruned some of the trees. Fifteen planted in January plus 2 donated. Maurice Jordan had trimmed base of hedge. MG to contact Avery Garden Centre for support. LC to oil seat. MB to talk to maker of seat regarding price for an additional seat. Work Power had grown and given cowslips for planting. MG had received a request to place ashes beneath a tree. Unanimously agreed.

4 ARCH

Mr Garrett's daughter and son-in-law have a tree in the Orchard and he would like to donate to an archway. This would be substantial. MG to discuss his wishes. Tony Trott would draw up a plan and MG to speak to Planning dept and Rosie Darch regarding Cycle path. It was suggested that there should be 2 arches, one at each end and that they should be living arches. RF said there was one on the Cycle path at Glastonbury and he would enquire about maintenance.

5 CITY FARMS

RMC has moved our insurance to the City Farms scheme. A Training Day has been organised by City Farms, JT and SH to attend, with FHCO covering all their expenses.

6 DATES

Deane Nursery Open Evening - 24 May, 6 people invited., RF, KR, GM, MB, JT, SH and RMC to inform them, RF to liaise

French Weir stall - 12 Aug, gazebo? MB to contact Ann/Ken Cleves. Apple cake and Quince comfits. Other ideas?

Apple Day - 21 Oct. Liaise with Robin Small as they probably hold theirs on 20th.

Wassail - Sat 19 Jan 08

7 RAILWAY

Next meeting to discuss problems of the railway noise.

Date of next Meeting - Thursday 14 June at 6 Elm Grove

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm