

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP

Wednesday 10 November 2004

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

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting – Agreed, signed

101. Matters Arising

101.1 **Trees** (95.3) MG asked whether a date had been fixed for this. MB said that the Nursery would inform her when the trees were ready for planting and a date would be fixed then. This would be December or January. Alupro at Six Acres had also been in touch and had fixed the date for planting their trees as Friday 19 November (**Later : this has been changed by Six Acres to Monday 22 November at 2pm**). Seven or eight people were expected and MB would supply drink/biscuits. Six Acres would arrange the press coverage.

RF presented a draft of the Certificate for those donating trees and it was also agreed that this should show the position of the tree

101.2 **Bikers** (96) No further problems had been reported

102. Development and Management

102.1 **Arch** (74.2) MJ reported that he had almost finished the arch.

102.2 **Weeding** (91) Much of this had been done on the morning of the Open Day

103. Hard Landscaping (95.6)

LAC showed pictures of her thoughts and there was much discussion on the subject. It was decided that it would be easier to come up with more ideas if the site was 'pegged out'. It was therefore agreed to meet on site on Tuesday 7 December at 2pm. Afterwards an approach would be made to Lin Avery regarding, initially, the costs of producing drawings and the works.

104. Licence (97)

MG reported that she had again e-mailed Stephen Cuthill and that he had replied to the effect that TDBC were not able to enter into an agreement with the Orchard.

When pressed for details (bearing in mind that members had a financial interest) he had informed MG that the matter was 'confidential' at this stage. MJ suggested that MG contact Geof Garner to see if he could glean information. This was agreed.

105. Membership (98)

RMC reported on the membership and financial situation. As there were quite a few members who had not renewed after the first payment, it was agreed that these should be followed with a letter.

106. Social Events and Communications (95.5)

106.1 **Open Day** Everyone was agreed that this was a great success, not least to the help of June and Robin Small whose 'Apple Stall' adjacent to the new seat formed a central point for people to stop and talk and buy. It was agreed that LAC should write to thank them.

106.2 **Wassail** It was agreed to hold this on Saturday 15 January at 6pm. Withey Morris Dancers would perform. The ceremony would require a bonfire and a shot to be fired into the trees, followed by cider drinking. RMC had booked the dancers and would arrange the legal requirements needed for the use of a gun. MG and KR would arrange for the cider. And MG would draft another Newsletter.

107. Notice Board (100)

As the very large plan had been damaged by the weather TJ had put up another and as this left space for other information, it was agreed that MG should do a notice of what had so far been achieved to go alongside.

108. Web Site (54.2)

RF mentioned that there was quite a lot of information that should be posted on the Web Site and RMC said that he was planning to re-do it shortly.

109. Leaflet Holder

RMC said that he would e-mail Barbara Collier regarding the replacement of the leaflet holder which had been vandalised.

110. Forthcoming AGM

There was discussion about having a Speaker at the AGM

Date of next meeting - Wednesday at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm