

# Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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## NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP

22 September 2004 at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

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

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed

### 95 Matters arising

95.1 Grass Cutting (89.3) KR had not finalized the arrangements for the cutting of the grass, but it was generally felt that the rabbits had eaten most of it and therefore it would not be necessary to cut this year. This would be reviewed in the spring.

95.2 Seat (89.4) LAC said that she had written to Ian Roger on behalf of the committee to thank him

95.3 Trees (89.5) MB reported that she had been to Scotts and had ordered the trees (mostly nuts and some pears) and that Scotts had recommended planting no earlier than December. She had also heard from Barbara Collier (TDBC) that Alupro at Six Acres were going to make a donation of trees. MB had a list of people who wanted to donate trees and RF suggested that these people should have a Certificate showing the location of the tree(s), which was agreed. RMC would contact BC to see if TDBC could provide a digital map of the orchard. RF also suggested that if people wished to plant a tree as a gift, a Certificate was very appropriate. MG would draft this for the next meeting.

95.4 Allotment Gate (90) TJ reported that he had fitted the gate and put an explanatory notice up. RF said that people had then cut through his allotment, but he had now fenced it.

95.5 Work Power (92) The wild flowers had been planted on 13 August and MB and LC were there to assist. It had poured with rain but all had worked cheerfully throughout the morning.

95.5 Social Events and Communications (93) MG presented the draft of the Newsletter which was designed to also be used as a display poster. This showed the date of the Open Day - 24 October and was full of information. Charlton orchards have been asked if they would like to run a stall selling apples and juice; we are waiting to hear from them. A couple of additions were agreed – tree donations and membership numbers; dates of forthcoming meetings to include were agreed as 10 Nov, 16 Dec 2004, 26 Jan and 9 Feb 2005. It was also agreed that as many of the Steering Group as possible would meet at 10am on the Open Day to weed around the base of the trees. It was agreed that a note about sponsored seats should wait until the next Newsletter. MJ said that he hoped to complete the Arch by 24 Oct.

95.6 Hard Landscaping (94) After discussion, it was agreed that everyone bring their ideas for the hard landscaping ('pool' area) to the next meeting, after which an approach would be made to Dave Orr.

### 96 'Bikers'

LC reported that she had been contacted by a 'dog-walker' who had encountered riders of large/powerful motor bikes on the Orchard. LC had 'phoned the Police, who had visited but not seen them. The Police 'phoned back to say please report to them whenever they are seen on the Orchard because if it is logged often then the Police will include the area on their 'round'.

#### 97 Licence (77)

MG reported that she had not heard from Stephen Cuthill following her letter of 30 April regarding the amendments to the draft licence. She has left a message and is awaiting contact.

#### 98 Membership (67)

RC informed the meeting that fully paid-up membership had risen to 59 and that there were 84 on the database - this included those who had made donations and those who had not renewed this year. There was discussion as to whether these should be written to, but a decision was not reached. He also reported on the current financial situation.

#### 99 The Roughmoor Parrot

It was agreed that, at some point, we wanted to make more of the parrot's grave in the Orchard:

"Here lies the famous Roughmoor Parrot

Who flew these lands freely and came home safely

May he fly forever freely over the fields of Roughmoor and High Peru

Yahoo! Peru! Peru!"

The parrot's owner has become a member and we would discuss the matter with her.

#### 100 Notice Board

TS reminded the meeting that we had still not put a laminated copy of the orchard design on the noticeboard; the meeting agreed we should do this a.s.a.p. RF offered to arrange the lamination, MG to pass him a copy of the design.

Date of next meeting - 10 November at 7pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting - 11 August, 7pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

The meeting closed at 8.15pm