

THE BEACON HILL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, 12th June 2013 at the Waggon and Horses, Doultling Beacon

Present: Richard Raynsford (chairman), Julian Back (secretary, webmaster), Peter Banks (treasurer), Mary Newman (mem. sec & Doultling PC), Brenda Rogers, Philip Malcolm, Jennie O'Kane, Christine Mayle, Gloria Cawood (Mendip District Council)

Apologies: Jonathan Burgess, Alan Stone, Caroline Gentinetta, Paul Newman, Elizabeth Gibbs, Bo Walsh, Alan Connock, Stuart Jenkins, Alan Connock

1 Minutes of previous meeting 6th February, 2013

The previous minutes were accepted

2 Matters arising

- None

3 Officers reports

Secretary: A litter pick (see below) and a visit to the Earth Science Centre and Whatley Quarry were held.

Treasurer: Current balance is £1124.09 plus £6 cash. Includes £300 of school trip money. Gloria Cawood has an environmental fund and we could apply for a grant from it, perhaps for hedge laying project (see below).

Membership Secretary: Another Doultling School visit is planned.

Woodland Trust: Jon is leaving the Woodland Trust. We decided to send a letter of thanks for his support to the Society. Julian to draft letter and send it to Richard for signing.

4 Past Events

Litter Pick: Sunday, 28th April at 2pm. A small band attended this event. We decided that it would be a good idea for the Society to buy 3 litter pickers and Christine Mayle volunteered to get them.

Earth Science Centre Visit: Tuesday, 14th May at 2pm. This was a very interesting and informative trip. The scale of Whatley Quarry and the equipment was impressive!

5 Future Events

Road-Up Gang: will be at the wood 28th/29th June.

Oakhill Fete: volunteers to help with this were requested but in the end we were not able to attend.

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Pond Maintenance: we discussed whether the pond needed any maintenance. We decided it would be best to consult Paul Newman or Les Cloutman on whether anything is needed and if so what.

Hedge Laying: there is the possibility of a grant from Gloria Cawood's environmental fund to help with this. Julian will investigate and also contact Alex Bown to indicate we would like to go ahead in the winter.

6 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 18th September 2013, 7.30pm at The Waggon and Horses

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