

THE BEACON HILL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, 18th September 2013 at the Waggon and Horses, Doultling Beacon

Present: Richard Raynsford (chairman), Julian Back (secretary, webmaster), Mary Newman (mem. sec & Doultling PC), Brenda Rogers, Philip Malcolm, Jennie O’Kane, Steve Britten

Apologies: Helen Parr, Alan Stone, Caroline Gentinetta, Paul Newman, Elizabeth Gibbs, Bo Walsh, Gloria Cawood, Rod Hill, Eileen Bird, Peter Banks

1 Minutes of previous meeting 12th June, 2013

The previous minutes were accepted

2 Matters arising

- None

3 Officers reports

Secretary: the Road-Up Gang were at the wood but unfortunately no members were able to attend.

Membership Secretary: Nothing to report.

4 Future Events

Pond Maintenance: Julian to contact Paul Newman or Les Cloutman and arrange a visit to look at the pond. Also contact Peter Leach to see if there is likely to be any archaeological impact.

Hedge Laying: The preferred date for hedge laying is November or December. We agreed that the Society would put in £200. Steve Britten would also contribute £200 and Gloria Cawood has offered a grant of £200. This would cover some Alex Bown (hedge layer) working on his own and also a training day. There would also be a charge for attending the training day. The suggested amount was £10 and possibly having 2 training sessions of up to 12 people in a day, but this needs discussing with Alex.

Visit to the Wood by Doultling School: The teacher who normally organises the visits is on maternity leave. We are waiting to hear from her temporary replacement.

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5 AOB

Reports of Firewood Removal: The Woodland Trust have reported that people have been seen removing firewood from the wood (using a chainsaw). We have their car number plates.

Reports of Metal Detecting: There have also been reports of metal detecting in the wood.

6 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 20th November 2013, 7.30pm at The Waggon and Horses

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