

THE BEACON HILL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, 11th June 2014 at Roundhill Cottage, Tadhil

Present: Julian Back (secretary), Peter Banks (treasurer), Brenda Rogers, Fran Britten, Philip Malcolm, Jennie O'Kane, Caroline Gentinetta

Apologies: Gloria Cawood, Paul Newman, Biz Gibbs, Stuart Jenkins, Eileen Bird, Rod Hill, Mary Newman, Tim Russell, Christine Mayle

Minutes of previous meeting 9th April, 2014

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

- **Dog Poo Bins:** We confirmed that these are usually paid for by parish councils and emptied by the District Council but we don't know who pays for the emptying. Bo to investigate if any payment is needed. If we go ahead we decided that initially we would put one bin at the main entrance.
- **Improvements to Entrance and Lookout Area:** Fran has contacted the adjoining landowner (Hilary Perkins). Since the meeting Tim Russell has been in touch with the Perkins.
- **Membership Leaflet:** Peter showed us the new leaflet and we thought it was good. He will investigate printing options, Andrews Press near Wells cinema was suggested. Please bring along your ideas of where to distribute the leaflet to the next meeting.
- **Bluebell Trail:** it looks like the trail was well used. We now need to take down the questions and markers (this has since been done). We also got a good article in the Mendip Times thanks to Mark Adler. Means by which feedback from participants can be received needs to be arranged for any repeat of the event.

Officers reports

Chair: none

Secretary: we had a request to camp in the wood, this was passed on to the Woodland Trust.

Treasurer: approximate funds are £1500. This includes £300 received for the next school visit; Doultong School has yet to arrange a date for this.

Woodland Trust: A letter from Tim Russell to the meeting includes the following:

A contract has been issued to get the 'easy access' trail resurfaced this summer

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Also contract issued to renew/smarten up the main western entrance to wood. New gate, post & rail fencing, etc

I am hoping to visit the wood next Thursday to look at condition of paths, boundaries, etc ... if anyone wants to join me for a look around that would be great (Peter Banks & Julian Back subsequently met with Tim at the wood).

Need to get farmer's contact re fence at 'look out' so that I can hopefully smarten this up with a short section of post & rail against current barbed wire fence – this has now been done.

Have put some money into budget to sort pond out early next year ... any help/advice will be most welcome

Please keep me up to date with any concerns/issues

Future Events

Summer Picnic and Walk: Too many people are away so we have had to cancel this event. We are now thinking of an event in September.

Moth Trapping: We are still interested in this but the person who would have run it has now moved to Lyme Regis.

Archaeology Walk: We have contacted Steve Tofts and he is keen to do an archaeology talk and walk in September. We are looking for a venue for the talk, possibilities include the Earth Science Centre and Stoke St Michael, Wells Museum or somewhere in Shepton Mallet. We are hoping to tie this event to an exhibition of the Bronze Age urn in Wells Museum.

Road-Up Gang: Alan Conock and gang will have a weekend in the woods sometime over the summer, the date has yet to be decided. Scraping some of the paths could be a useful activity.

Mid Somerset Show: We decided to put up our display board at the show if possible.

AOB

Publicity: I have created a Beacon Hill Facebook page but have not yet publicised it.

Take Rubbish Home Sign: would it be useful to put one of these up?

Board at Entrance: could we have a board containing some society info at the entrance to the wood?

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3rd September 2014, 7.30pm venue to be decided.

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