

# Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

## Wednesday 24 October 2014

**Present:** Cathy Harvey (Chair), Sal Robinson (Treasurer), Chris Toombs and Kevin Trott.

**1. Apologies.**

Deanne Trott and Paul Bowditch sent there apologies.

**2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 24 September 2014.**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes, where not covered by an Agenda Item.**

None.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Sal reported that cash + bank = £1456.18, of which £500 is grant money earmarked for one / two WW1 Memorial benches, £143.32 is remaining grant money allocated to the flower meadow and £80 is a donation towards an annual Young Volunteer award, leaving approx £860 available for general use. In addition Allington Parish Council currently "owes" £127.54 for various items.

£500 has been granted by Bridport Town Council and we have been awarded £500 from the Lloyds Bank Community Fund – both are for improved access to Coopers Field for those with disabilities. Neither amount has yet been received. £250 will be added to this from our own funds, giving a total of £1,250 for the project so far.

**5. Final Agreed Cost / Funding for:-**

**a) Junior Hillbilly Award.**

Timpson's have quoted £13.95 for a plaque with engraving for the front of the award, which is to be made of wood. Agreed that a similar plaque be placed on the back to record previous Junior Hillbilly's of the Year. Agreed to purchase 10 shields to be put on the award for future use.

**b) Replacement stakes / fixings for signs on the hill.**

Stan Toombs has costed repairing the broken signs on the hill at £49.02. Agreed that he should go ahead and that we will see if the cost can be reclaimed from the Woodland Trust.

**c) WW1 Memorial Seat(s).**

Agreed that Stan Toombs be asked to make the seats and to ask him to investigate the cost of suitable oak and to come up with possible designs in time for the next committee meeting in January 2015.

**d) Grass Cutting.**

The mower used by Ryan last time is currently out of use and it is not possible to hire one from Evans until early next week. Jon Harvey has indicated that he is willing to drive it. Agreed to go ahead and hire the mower as the final cut must be done before the wild flower seeds can be sown.

**6. Cathy's Report.**

**a) Management Plan for Coopers Wood.**

The AONB has confirmed that a grant of £2,000 is available to the Allington Hill Community Woodland Group through the Communities Living. Agreed that Cathy sign the letter accepting this and returns it ASAP. There is £1,000 for the production of an independent Management Plan and £1,000 for any necessary tree work identified in the Plan. The AONB will also be organising training events and network meetings to share experiences.

**b) On Site Storage – Shipping Container.**

Allington PC has obtained 3 quotes and can get a container for £1,300. They are prepared to pay out a maximum of £2,500 for the whole project. The next thing APC will do is to find out if planning consent is required.

**c) Woodland Trust Tree Packs.**

Cathy has received the tree pack. Agreed that they will be bedded in temporarily in the corner of the field to the left of the small gate near Allington Lane – this will be done either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November. The trees will be used for hedging, as infill in Coopers Wood after any felling has been done (as per the Management Plan), a few will be put in the Jubilee Wood area and a few will be planted in Coopers Field as WW1 memorial trees.

**d) Right of Way from Park Road to the start of the Woodland Trust land.**

Adam Butcher of Dorset Rights of Way has agreed to meet with us on 30 October – time to be arranged. It is hoped that they will help us clear the path or that they will persuade Symondsburys Estate to do so.

**e) Memorial Poppy.**

It was agreed that a memorial poppy be constructed in Coopers Field for Remembrance Sunday, to be in place from 8 – 12 November.

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**f) Christmas Tree Festival.**

Agreed that people will get together in the evenings of 4, 12 and 18 November at Cathy's to make decorations. The tree has to be decorated on 1<sup>st</sup> December and the dedication service is on 2 December.

**g) Calendar.**

Cathy has started work on the 2015 calendar and Anne at the Oddfellows has agreed to sell them for us.

**7. Flower Meadow Project.**

The sand has been ordered and will be delivered next Monday morning. They will take back unused sand.

**8. Winter Working Parties and Projects.**

There have only been a few people turning up, so maybe they need to be better publicised. Jon will send a text message to those who aren't on Facebook.

**9. Future Committee Members.**

It was suggested that we approach Roly Boughton, Tim Smith, Hilary Smith and Sarah Smith to see if they would be interested in coming on to the committee next year.

**10. Facebook Page.**

It was agreed to add Pat North as an administrator, giving a total of 3 administrators, the other two being Cathy Harvey and Sarah Worner.

It was also agreed that administrators should sign a "Guidelines" document (Cathy to compose the draft for circulation to all committee members for amendment / agreement) and that any new administrator will do a 6 month "trial".

**11. Any Other Business.**

None.

Signed:-.....Date:-...