

# Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

## Thursday 13 October 2016

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

### 1. Apologies.

Deanne Trott, Paul Bowditch, and Tim Smith sent their apologies.

### 2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 4 July 2016.

The minutes were agreed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 3. Treasurer's Report.

#### a) General Accounts.

- Amount set aside = £433.26. (£66.75 Young Volunteer Award, £350 from Post Code Lottery, £16.51 from Aiden's Amble)
- Actual Balance = £1590.85, less amount set aside gives £1157.59 available to spend.

The sale of yellow rattle seed brought in £924.00.

We can claim some of the grant awarded by the AONB towards family events after the 2<sup>nd</sup> event has taken place.

Cathy has asked the Post Code Lottery if we can transfer the unspent £100 allocated to the Flower Meadow Project to the Hedge Renewal Project.

#### b) Potential Income.

- Money from the Carnival – there is an “event” to distribute the proceeds to the chosen causes at the end of November
- Sale of Calendars. These will be available from Washingpool Farm Shop and the Oddfellows, at £7.50 each. The calendars will be in cellophane pockets and a flyer about the Hillbillies and their work will be inserted as publicity

#### c) Forthcoming Expenses.

- Contract work by Dorset Countryside Management on the hedge on the Coopers Field / Hospital Lane boundary – 1 day's work
- Phase 2 of the felling in Coopers Woods as defined in the 5 year management plan for Coopers Wood and Field – 1 day's work.

Both will be carried out by Dorset Countryside Management at a cost of £436 per day.

It has been suggested that an area be made available for a “Forest School”. If this is approved by Allington Parish Council, local schools show interest and funding is obtained this will impact where felling is done in Coopers Wood. Therefore felling should be done as late as possible before the bird nesting season i.e. in February 2017.

### 4. Correspondence.

Cathy has sent e-mails re possible funding to Tesco, the Post Code Lottery, Spar Community Fund and the Lottery (for community events).

Bridport Museum is having a Bridport Season of Heritage in 2017 and has invited us to take part. For a fee of £20 they will advertise and provide admin for any event within that theme.

### 5. Woodland Trust.

Joe Middleton (Woodland Trust Manager) has sent a list of works for the volunteers to do over the winter including clearing brake in Jubilee Wood and planting dogwood instead.

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### 6. Coopers Wood and Field.

This is covered under 3 c) above.

### 7. Events.

- Family Activity Day 19 November 10 – 12, run by the Magdalene Centre
- Poppy Installation, prior to 11 November
- Christmas Star, prior to 25 December. Suggested that children might like to make stars to hang in the trees.
- Christmas Tree Festival December. The organisers have agreed that we can make out own tree – they will supply lights.

### 8. Winter Working Parties.

**AGREED** that there will be a Working Party on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, weather permitting and that other Working Parties may be arranged at short notice.

Notices will be placed on the main gate.

### 9. Any Other Business.

Cathy said that Allington Parish Council has no objection to event organisers parking in Coopers Field.

People are asking if there will be an Autumn Festival – if they want one then they need to help organise and run it!

The recent Dog Show, held in Coopers Field as part of the Bridport Hospital “birthday” celebrations, was a success despite the rain beforehand, with about 24 dogs. The organisers are considering repeating it next year.

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