

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2014

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

1. **Apologies.**

Adam Sheering sent his apologies.

2. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 27 March 2014.**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Sal reported that cash + bank = £1,665.84, of which £1,179.63 is earmarked for more equipment for the play trail, which leaves £485.94 free for other things. Allington Parish Council owes us £373.35 for items purchased.

4. **Funding – Grants from West Bay Car Boot Fund and Allington Parish Council.**

The following grant applications will be made:-

West Bay Car Boot Fund –funding towards a bench and extension of the wild flower meadow, both in memory of WWI.

Peoples Postcode Lottery – funding towards improving access to Coopers Field for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc and for a “wheelchair friendly” picnic table.

Bridport Town Council – as above

Allington Parish Council –support towards general running costs.

Lloyds Community Fund – Sarah Worner has nominated us for a grant to be used towards improving access / picnic table.

5. **Correspondence.**

Booking of table for the Ropewalk Fair confirmed - £10 donation.

Adam Sheering has resigned from the committee, which means that we could co-opt a new committee member – however the Constitution states that there must be at least THREE committee members so there is no rush. Cathy suggested that we hold an open meeting in June and see if anyone comes forward. Meeting to have 2 sessions – late afternoon and evening.

Cathy suggested that Elaine Wells and Pat North be asked if they would like to be “Community Representatives”.

6. **Flower Meadow Report.**

The meadow is coming on well and the yellow rattle is in flower, with other wildflowers coming up – to be identified when they flower.

The next job is to collect the yellow rattle seed.

The poppy seeds sown in the bonfire areas are coming up.

Cathy will do posters asking people not to walk on the wildflower areas.

7. **Woodland Trust report, steps, Kate and Kipp bracken bashing.**

Tim Russell, Woodland Trust manager, is coming this Friday, 16 May. Cathy suggested that we ask regular volunteers to come along and meet him.

Items to be raised with him

- replacement steps on south side of hill
- cutting of paths n the hill including top of hill
- funding for Kate and Kipp to come again to bracken bash.
- blackthorn on the top of the hill needs removing.
- blackthorn on the side of the hill also needs removing and we will plant wildflowers in that area.
- how much money do they have for Allington Hill?
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8. **Coopers Wood Report.**

The seesaw has been ordered by Allington Parish Council and will be delivered soon. The holes for it have been dug and we will install it as soon as possible after delivery. Volunteer's help will be needed. We will reimburse the Parish Council for the cost net of VAT which they will reclaim form HMRC.

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The two poo-bins have also been ordered by the Parish Council and we will install them as soon after delivery as possible.

Wood chippings will be placed by the small gate to provide a doggie loo area – the chippings will need to be changed periodically.

A news article will be put in the Bridport News when the poo bins have been installed.

A poster campaign asking people to pick up their dog's poo especially on the paths and cut grass areas is to be run.

A litter bin has been installed near the five a side pitch

9. **DCC Community Wood Project and the Hibernia Planning Application.**

Pete West from the DCC Community Woodland project is coming to meet us at Coopers Field / Wood this Friday, 16 May.

Hibernia Planning Application – no update – all we can do is wait and see what happens.

10. **August 2nd Coopers Woods 10 Year Celebration.**

Agreed that we keep it simple:-

- Children's sports and activities
- Bring a picnic.

11. **Autumn Festival / Woodland Trust Tree WWI Commemoration Pack.**

Provisionally Sat 15 November, from 11 – 4.

Tree planting starting at 11.

Children's activities.

Wood "medallions" as keep-sakes.

Could serve soup etc and have a bonfire.

Any dead trees in Jubilee Wood to be replaced.

If there are any trees left over then they will be put in a nursery bed until needed.

12. **Any Other Business.**

None.

Signed:-.....Date:-...23 July 2014