

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14 March 2017

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

1. Apologies.

Tim Smith sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 10 January 2017.

The minutes were agreed.

Jo said that Andrew Elwell will take on the tractor maintenance for us.

3. Treasurer's Report.

a) General Accounts as at 13 March 2017

- Total funds = £1668.95.
- Amount set aside = £301.38. (£66.75 Young Volunteer Award, £48.40 from Aiden's Amble, £185.83 for Cooper's Circle.).
- There is £867.57 available to spend.

b) Forthcoming Expenditure.

Garage rent – approx. £570

Tractor insurance – approx. £150

Cooper's Circle seating - £120

c) Potential Income.

- Money from collection of yellow rattle seed
- West Bay Car Boot Fund for Family Activities
- Bridport Town Council for the story telling circle?
- AONB grant for Family Activities
- Aiden's Amble

4. Correspondence.

A possible Events Administrator has been invited to come to the AGM.

5. Woodland Trust.

Paul Allen is the temporary Woodland Trust manager.

6. Coopers Wood and Field.

The tree felling has been done plus hedge laying on the Hospital Lane boundary. This was again carried out by Dorset Countryside Management.

7. Events.

- Saturday 11 February – 3rd Family Activity Day – Den Building and Saturday 11 March – 4th Family Activity Day – Assault Course building. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by young and old alike.
- Wednesday 12 April – 5th Family Activity Day – with an egg theme
- Wednesday 19 April – 6th and last Family Activity Day.
- AGM – 10.10 – 12:30 on Wednesday 5 April at the Town Hall. Coffee morning followed by a brief AGM at 12.00.
- Saturday 17 June 11.00 to 15.00 - Heritage Event in conjunction with Bridport Museum + Fun Run (Aiden's Amble) + Family Picnic. Kipp and Kate will roll bracken on the Friday and then do a logging demonstration on Saturday. Maybe woodland craft demonstrations. Could sell logs?

8. Working Parties.

- Saplings have been planted to increase diversity of species, with small copse outside the 5-a-side football pitch, and specimens on the edges of Cooper's Wood.

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- The willow arbour near the mushroom seats has been replanted with whips
- Paul will mow as needed during the summer.

9. Any Other Business.

Kay Joy will be holding 1-off free dog training sessions in Cooper's Field. Allington Parish Council have given permission.

Signed: -Date: 8 May 2017