

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Present: Cathy Harvey (Chair), Sal Robinson (Treasurer), Deanne Trott, Paul Bowditch. Ben Barnes attended.

1. Apologies.

Tim Smith, Jo George and Kevin Trott sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 8 May 2017.

The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising.

Nothing that is not covered by the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report.

a) General Accounts as at 7 May 2017

- Total funds = £1,266.21
- Amount set aside = £66.75. (Young Volunteer Award).
- There is £1,199.46 available to spend.

b) Forthcoming Expenditure.

Banners for Marque - £72.00

c) Funding already obtained.

West Bay Car Boot Fund for further Family Activity Events - £500.00 (not yet in accounts / bank - £170 already spent for event on 17 August). There is a presentation event at the Salt House West Bay on Friday 6 October from 2 pm to 3.30 pm – 2 people can attend.

AONB grant of £1,000 to be claimed as we go – they want us to get training so we can run our own events rather than using the Magdalen Centre.

d) Potential Income.

- i. Money from collection and sale of yellow rattle seed – we have enough to fulfil the orders for 2.5 kg with a bit to spare – we may sell small packets at the Melpash Show
- ii. West Bay Car Boot Fund for Family Activities
- iii. Aiden's Amble for Family Activities
- iv. Bridport Town Council, possibly for a bench at the top right hand side of Cooper's Field

AGREED to set aside money from yellow rattle seed sales as a reserve.

5. Allington Hill.

a) Path Improvement Scheme.

The top paths have been done

They are doing experimental work levelling some of the paths

b) Grass Management on top of hill.

Complete.

6. Cooper's Wood, Cooper's Circle and Cooper's Field.

a) Flower Meadow.

The flower meadow is doing well and may be cut earlier than last year

We may have 2 new tractor drivers.

b) Cooper's Circle.

There have been 2 further "private" events.

People are using the area responsibly with little rubbish being left.

c) Other.

Kipp and Kate (and Will and the other horse) were as popular as ever. They won't be coming again for a while as the bracken is under control for now.

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The Heritage Event + Family Picnic was enjoyed by all.
Aiden's Amble has been postponed as Aiden is not available.

7. Events.

- a) **13 -15 July – 190th Anniversary of St Swithuns Church.** Jo has arranged for us to have a table – we can put display boards on it. We will also be “decorating” a church vestment with material from the field, wood and hill.
- b) **30 July – Aiden’s Amble.**
- c) **17 August - Family Activity Event.**
- d) **24 August – Melpash Show.** We will have our own stall, with information and a children’s activity.

8. Winter Volunteering Programme.

- a) Cathy is identifying specific projects and will try to find a regular day each month for working parties.
- b) We need to find sponsors for fleeces which identify volunteers as Hillbillies – Groves, Bartlett’s, Heavers, Humberts were suggested
- c) Are there any “perks” we can offer encourage volunteers?

9. Gazebo Name Banners.

Ben will design there and give us a new logo / emblem.

The banners should include our logo, “Allington Hillbillies”, the FB logo with our page name, the e-mail address.

Ben is investigating setting up a website.

10. Any Other Business.

None.

Signed:Date: