

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10 January 2017

Present: Cathy Harvey (Chair), Sal Robinson (Treasurer), Jo George, Tim Smith and Deanne Trott.

1. Apologies.

Kevin Trott and Paul Bowditch sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 13 October 2016.

The minutes were agreed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report.

a) General Accounts as at 31 December 2016

- Total funds = £1669.69.
- Amount set aside = £83.26. (£66.75 Young Volunteer Award, £16.51 from Aiden's Amble after taking the £435 paid to the Magdalen Centre for 3 activity days – a claim for £233.50 has been made to the AONB for half of the grant awarded)
- There is £1586.43 available to spend. Of this £718.83 can be set aside for the story telling circle, made up of £200 from the Bridport Carnival Committee, £119.23 from donations made at the Christmas Tree Festival and £399.60 profit from the sale of the 2017 calendar.

b) Overheads.

Garage rent, tractor insurance, tractor maintenance.

c) Potential Income.

- Money from collection of yellow rattle seed
- West Bay Car Boot Fund – to replace the seat by the gate?
- Bridport Town Council – for the story telling circle?
- Lottery Community Grant – up to £300

d) Forthcoming Expenses.

- 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, to be carried out by Dorset Countryside Management at a cost of £423 ex VAT per day.

4. Correspondence.

None.

5. Woodland Trust.

Joe Middleton (Woodland Trust Manager) will not be our Manager for a while. He hopes to meet up with Cathy to introduce his temporary replacement.

6. Coopers Wood and Field.

There is an informal meeting at the Oddfellows on 17 January to discuss plans for a Forest School / Story Telling area in Coopers Wood.

The tree felling will provisionally take place on 25 January.

7. Events.

- Saturday 11 February – 3rd Family Activity Day – Den Building.
- 3 further Family Activity Days need to be booked with the Magdalen Centre.
- AGM – provisionally 19:30 on Tuesday 21 March at the Cherry Tree Community Room
- Heritage Event in conjunction with Bridport Museum + Fun Run (Aiden's Amble) + Family Picnic – 1st weekend in June or July? Would be good if Kate and Kipp could come for the bracken rolling at the same time.

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8. Winter Working Parties.

- Sapling planting to increase diversity of species
- Small copses to be planted at either end of the 5-a-side football pitch (in the field not the pitch!)
- Also, plant on the edges of Coopers Wood.

9. Any Other Business.

Agreed that the Young Volunteer Award should go to Aiden Cooper for his fund raising for portable play equipment and to pay for Family Activity events.

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