



Minutes of the Findern Footpaths Group meeting held at Murray's, 25 Main Street, Findern, on Wednesday 1st August 2018 commencing at 7pm.

Present:

Heather Hall (Chair), Joan Tidy (Secretary), Philip Cross (Treasurer), Julia Cross, Liz Lenton, Sheila Hughes, Frances Prockter and Jan Ashford

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Rod Bassett, Steve Tiso, Margaret Tiso, Pat Charge, Anne Evans and Stephen Parnell

2. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the Footpaths Group meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 were circulated and approved as a true record.

3. Finance and Fundraising

Finance

Philip reported that the balances as at 01/08/2018 are:

Current Account

Expenditure to date	£236.79
Income to date	£407.00
Income over expenditure	£170.21

Investment Account

Expenditure to date	£0.00
Income to date	£0.43
Income over Expenditure	£0.43

Current Account	£781.01
Investment Account	£5,022.60
Total in Hand	£5,803.61

Opening a new Footpaths Group Bank Account

Philip reported that Nat West had as yet not updated the mandate as they said they had not received the correct forms. As all forms had been submitted and signed correctly (and as the same thing happened the last time the mandate was updated) he proposes that we move our account elsewhere. He has been looking at Santander Treasurer's Account which would allow us to use the Post Office to pay in and take out; there would be no need for cheques as he would have a debit card. Frances queried whether it would be better safeguarded if cheques were still used as they could be countersigned. During a full discussion it was agreed that as most proposed purchases were discussed within a monthly meeting (and therefore minuted) where a purchase had to be made before the next meeting this would be discussed between the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for authorisation. Where we use the same supplier multiple times it has been suggested that we set up an account with said supplier and receive a monthly invoice.

Resolved: Philip proposed moving the account to Santander, Joan seconded and all present agreed

4. Reports and Evaluations from other meetings/events attended

No other meetings attended so there is nothing to report.

5. Project Planning/Event Planning

i) Butterfly Bank Creation Cardales Meadow

Philip states the bank is now ready for the limestone chatter to be put on. He has measured it at approx. 24 square metres. Joan states she will contact Ken Orpe re obtaining the limestone chatter from Longcliffe Quarries and Philip states if possible can it be delivered in bags. Joan states that she thinks the chatter is free but delivery costs about £80 per lorry load. Rather than wait for another meeting to authorise the payment for the chatter it was agreed to go ahead and arrange for it to be delivered as soon as possible before any significant rainfall.

Resolved: This item is to be added the next agenda for update

ii) Butterfly Transect Rota

Completed until end of transect in September

iii) Group 20 year Celebration Sunday 13th October 2018 11 am – 4 pm

Heather got a quote from Lindsay at Bees Teas who would set everything out for £6.50 a head. Most present thought this was quite expensive so Julia stated she will get other quotes from Costco and Marks and Spencer to try and get costs down. Members present suggested a mixture of sandwiches, salad, sausage rolls and vegetarian dishes but no cake as Ian was making that. It was agreed that tea and coffee and fruit juice could be made and set out in the kitchen at the village hall. Frances asked whether wine would be offered and it was suggested that perhaps attendees could be given a glass of Prosecco on arrival. Following a discussion it was agreed the cost of wine would be looked into and as soon as it is known how many are attending sufficient bottles can be bought nearer the time. Heather had obtained an invitation template from the internet which she would enter the details on and forward it to Joan to be sent out to all members for approval before being posted out to the invited guests. It was agreed that replies would be sent to Pat by the 14th of September so the final orders for food and drink could be agreed at October's meeting.

Resolved: This item is to be added to the next agenda for update

6. Public Rights of Way Reports

Porter's Lane/Airport Way gate way relocation

Heather has still not managed to speak to Mr Parnell but she will endeavour to do so as soon as possible.

Resolved: This item is to be added to the next agenda for update

Heather reported that Lynn Taylor (Footpaths Officer) has sent 10 way markers to be put up on the rights of way. Philip suggested this can be done in the autumn when all the paths will be walked and any maintenance needed carried out before the winter sets in. It was suggested that Priory Way be done first as that gets very muddy after wet weather. Heather suggested it would be a good idea to set out a maintenance plan and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Resolved: This item is to be added to the next agenda for discussion

7. Wildlife Site Management

i) Hours of work carried out by the payback team

Heather states the team came out on the 7th July and 28th July and carried out a total of 60 hours unpaid work for and on behalf of the community. She states they will be coming out this Saturday and it was suggested that they repair the finger post Hicklin's bridge, strim by the hedge and around the memorial trees by the notice board in Cote Close and if they have time clear new growth of brambles at the bottom of Cardales Meadow.

ii) Hours of work carried out on the canal towpath

11 hours mainly litter picking

iii) Grass management Cardales Meadow

Heather has been unable to get anyone to mow and take the hay off the meadow. She will ask Mr Hicklin if he will mow just the top of the meadow down as far as the ruts by the butterfly bank and we can strim the

rest. Two insect hotels have been started at the bottom of Cardales Meadow and members are asked to collect loose bark, dry leaves, cow parsley stalks, pieces of plastic pipe and roof tiles so they can be completed. Items collected can be left by the gate at the Parish Rooms and Heather will put them away.

iv) Disposal of metal pieces from the dismantled boardwalk Potlocks Path

Heather states Stephan had taken a piece to a scrap metal dealer and it is estimated that that each piece will fetch about £2.40. It was agreed to dispose of all the pieces and Jan stated Stephan was happy to take them all when he has time to do so.

v) Future work parties

The next working party will be on Wednesday 8th August 10am – noon and will be working on the insect hotels. Subsequent work parties will be held on Thursdays to allow those who can't make Wednesdays to attend therefore the other August work parties will be on Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10am – noon. All work parties to meet at Lower Green

8. Wildlife Database

Joan reported seeing 2 Green Woodpeckers in a garden on Aults Close on 31st July, Heather reported seeing a Green Woodpecker on Priory Way on the 23rd July and Jan reported a juvenile Sparrowhawk in a garden on Hillside on 31st July.

9. Any other business

Group barbecue Sunday 26th August 2018 at 4 pm

Heather is compiling a list of who is going and what everyone is bringing. If you haven't already spoken to Heather please let her know asap **whether or not** you are going, if you are going what you are taking and also let her have your £2 per head. Members are reminded to take their own chairs and drink. Ian will provide crockery and cutlery.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: The next meeting will be held in Findern on Monday 3rd September 2018 commencing at 7pm and will be chaired by Heather Hall.

Signed.....Dated.....