



Friends of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort

Minutes of the AGM and meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 in the trophy Room at Mowsbury Club House

Members Present – Jon Bishop, Larissa Clark, Lynn Caudrey, Martin Fannon, Sue Fannon, Margaret Fisher, Helen Miller, Jane Moore, Diana Readhead, Chris Wedge, Helen Wilkie, John Wilkie, Andy Wilkins

1. Apologies

John Wallace, Marion Wallace, Ed Burnet, Allison Wilkins (who will arrive later)

2. Election of Officers

As no one else wished to be nominated the present officers agreed to stand for another year so the following will act for 2013–2014:- Chairman - Andy Wilkins, Secretary -Chris Wedge, Treasurer -John Wilkie, Task and Event Co-ordinator - John Wallace.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of 14th May 2013 were agreed as correct.

Matters arising – Dave Kenny has given the OK for tree planting in the orchard, which will now take place in the autumn.

4. Interpretation Boards

Possible layouts of the 4 boards were shown and members were asked to make any comments. It has been suggested that the perimeter path and the central ride be named. The public who use the wood could be asked to vote so they feel involved.

5. Update from Park Rangers

Tools are being ordered, the oak sign obelisk for the Hillfort meadow could be put in in the autumn, John Wallace has been in touch with people at the Wildlife Trust about the survey of tasks and it is hoped to complete the mulching around the trees in the orchard.

6. Environment & Community Parks & Open Spaces Proposal

A discussion took place about the Borough's budget plans for 2013 and how this might impact on the Friends Group. The group will generally not be affected.

7. Future tasks and events

Wednesday 24th July Dr Agneta Burton will lead an orchard lichen and moss survey.

8. Opal Tree Health Survey

10-12 trees have already been surveyed. A further session will take place.

9. Rights of Way Update

There was frustration expressed about people being trained and then not being required to carry out any investigations.

10. Web site and Copyright

This has been looked at. Images on the website can be downloaded for personal or educational use.

11. Financial matters

The annual accounts for 2012-2013 were presented by John Wilkie and are attached. We have a total of £375-14. Martin Fannon agreed to check and audit the accounts.

Larissa will sell the apple juice at the 'Home-Grown' Summer Fete which is held in August.

It was suggested that we might need money for tools but Jon Bishop said these would always be available if we are working on Council land.

Extra money for interpretation boards at the Hillfort may be available through the HLS scheme.

12. Any Other Business

The BBC are organising a survey of Hillforts. Andy has downloaded the questionnaire.

Jane asked if a display board could be done about the Hillfort for the History event that is taking place at Priory on the last weekend in July as part of the British Festival of Archaeology. It doesn't have to be manned.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday September 3rd at 7-00pm, hopefully in the Trophy Room