

Friends of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 in the trophy Room at Mowsbury Club House

Members Present –Jon Bishop, Lynn Caudrey, Martin Fannon, Sue Fannon, Margaret Fisher, Jackie Hawkins, Helen Miller, Jane Moore, Diana Readhead, David Parratt, John Wallace, Marion Wallace, Chris Wedge, John Wilkie, Allison Wilkins, Andy Wilkins

1. Apologies - Helen Wilkie

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of 4th September were agreed as being correct.

3. Update from Park Rangers

- Jane reported that the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement for the Hillfort has been signed. This will last for 10 years and allows extra funding for implementing the management plan.
- There may also be a submission for an HAP which may provide up to £32,000 for a hydrological survey, an archaeological survey, a full conservation plan, interpretation boards etc.
- The fruit trees can be planted in the old orchard to replace those that have died. 18th December has been fixed as a suitable date.
- Jane is going to check with the new Golf Club management about putting the sleeper information post in at the bottom of the meadow.

4. Interpretation Boards

Members of the group gave an overview and showed copies of the first drafts that the Designers have produced. They welcome any comments

5. Future tasks and events

- The Wassail Event will take place on Monday 20th January at 7-30 pm. We will advertise this and finalise plans after Christmas.
- Jon will be doing some coppicing in Putnoe Wood on 16th and 17th December between 9-30 am – 3-00pm if anyone is interested in helping.

6. Financial matters

John Wilkie reported the following figures.

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Money in Bank	342-08
Petty cash	19-31
<u>Total</u>	<u>361-39</u>

Transactions since last report:

Tea money received	30-00
Printing costs	6-75

It was suggested some money could be used for training on using brush cutters.

7. Any Other Business

- There are new tools available for our use which will be listed. It was suggested that these be shared out to help storage.
- Jane wondered about applying for the Community Green Pennant award
- Congratulations were expressed to Jane for all her hard work in preparing the HLS submission.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 7-00pm, in the Trophy Room