

# Friends of Putnoe Woods and Mowsbury Hillfort

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2012 at Mowsbury Club House

**Members Present** - Jane Moore, Diana Readhead, Alison Wilkins, Andy Wilkins, Larissa Clarke, Ed Burnett, John Wallace, Helen Wilkie, John Wilkie, Chris Mackay, Chris Wedge

### 1. Apologies – Rita Brereton, Marion Wallace, Jon Bishop

#### Proposed Constitution (brought forward from point 4 on agenda)

The draft constitution that had been put forward by Andy Wilkins was discussed and various points were raised. It was agreed that the stated aims of the group covered all possibilities yet was sufficiently specific to limit our area of responsibility.

There were two main alterations to be made which are the Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the membership list and the General Meetings will be held at least once a quarter.

It was decided to leave the rest as stated.

With these alterations there was a unanimous vote to adopt this draft constitution.

The following people agreed to take on the Officers roles,

Chair - Andy Wilkins

Secretary – Chris Wedge

Treasurer – John Wilkie

Tasks and Events Co-ordinator – John Wallace

John Wilkie agreed to investigate a possible bank account. The name of the account will be ‘Putnoe Mowsbury Friends’

### 2. Updates

- **Litterpick** was very successful. 12 volunteers collected 25 bags of litter, 8 of which contained recyclable material
- **March tasks** had opened up site lines from Putnoe Wood to the Hillfort. There are plans to put some benches nearby and the group could be involved in this. Ed Burnett is going to investigate available wood.
- **The Celebration Evening** had been enjoyed by all
- **Interpretation boards** at the Hillfort - three bases have been ordered
- **Greensand Trust money** Pruning of the large pear trees at the Hillfort has been done and Jane is going to buy some pruning saws and secateurs with the remaining £100

### 3. Volunteer Fair

This is being held in Harpur Square on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 10am till 3pm. The aim is to show all volunteering opportunities available in Bedford. Larissa will be there and will be promoting our group. If anyone can help for any length of time let Larissa know or just turn up.

### 4. (see above)

### 5. Any other Business

- Newspaper report to be written
- Suggested to hold another litter pick around the top of the Golf Club car park and the path to the Hillfort. Larissa will see if Debbie (Pride in Bedford) has any slots. Also suggested we try to get the Golf Club involved

- The meadow that we cleared outside the Hillfort is being registered as part of the Hillfort site. This will be important for the higher level stewardship scheme.
- Looking at putting a post/ A frames at entrance to Putnoe Wood to advertise activities etc.
- Jeremy Oetgen of Albion Archaeology has suggested we leave the next Archaeology walk until Autumn when we will see more if there are less leaves on the trees etc.

**Date of next Meeting** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7-00pm Mowsbury Golf Club