

Wood Norton Community Orchard

committee meeting 26.6.2014
6.30pm

Minutes

Present: Tim Lidstone Scott, Jenny and Paul Marchant, Steve Piggott
Apologies: Mary Sheridan and Carol Robson

In the absence of Mary the meeting was chaired by Paul Marchant

- minutes of previous meeting, May 12th 2014

These were approved and signed by PM

- debrief on Scarecrow weekend 'presence'

We sold 10 tickets for the picnic and received donations of £7.37

We were grateful to Clive Haywood for his presence and bee display

It was confirmed that on another occasion such as this, we would be able to sell jams/jellies

- finances:- donations £7.37
 - a cheque for £41.75 was made out to Tim Lidstone Scott for the metal tags he has made for each tree
 - anticipated expenditure (wildflowers) - not yet known
- grassland management
 - since the last meeting Peter Bell has cleared the intended wildflower section of topsoil, and mown around the edges of this patch
 - Carol has planted some wildflower seeds in this patch, and will soon have some yellow rattle plugs to plant as well
 - Tim has put up a notice to inform visitors about this part of the site
 - Hugh Kennedy has 'close' mown the area around the apples and pears where we hope to hold the picnic
 - Peter is going to lend Tim his tractor and topper next week, to mow the remainder of the field - a process to be carried out probably twice yearly. Steve advised that the first cut should be as late in spring as possible.

***Further actions: strimming up to the tree enclosures
filling in the tractor ruts (Paul and Tim - Mon 30th)
freeing the cherry in the corner
planting yellow rattle plugs
attaching Tim's species labels to the right trees***

- picnic on July 12

ticket sales. To date we have sold 12. With the committee members this makes 20, enough to make a party. We are extremely grateful to Dennis Nudd for his offer of complimentary Woodfordes beer. Tickets are advertised on posters round the village and there is a notice in the forthcoming parish magazine. It was suggested that we could 'memo' fliers in the magazines prior to distribution (**Action-JM**) Could we also email our 'supporters' group to rally them?

preparations cf 'to do' list

Mary reported that the musicians from Greshams had been keen, but couldn't do the date in question. We expressed our thanks to Anne Sheridan for having offered to subsidise their cost. It was decided to ask Dave Kingsnorth for advice about supplying music remotely(**action- JM**). Steve will investigate the loud speaker system at the V Hall. Tim could run something off his car battery (for a short time only, however).

decision on whether to go ahead - when? Decision will be taken at lunchtime on Friday 11th July which still leaves time, just, for catering preparations! ***Tim to decide? JM to notify people?***