Friends of Ancells Farm committee meeting 20/8/14.

Venue: Falkners arms. Time commenced: 20.10.

Present.

Simon Taylor (ST) chair, Sam Hallam (SH), Nigel Clinch (NC), Paula Clinch (PC), Phil Fahey (PF) minute taker.

Guests. Jonathan Wright, Fleet Town Council (FTC), Stephen Parker, Hart District Council (HDC)

Apologies.

Isy Paton (IP), Natasha Barker (NB), Helen Newman (HN), Lisa Nicholson (LN), George Wood (GW), Jackie Fahey (JF).

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Matters arising.

None.

Financial statement and accounts.

A meeting with NB regarding the accounts has been held. The accounts are in better order than before. The accounts are with the auditor at present. It was agreed that accounts could not show transparency until the audit has been completed.

The expenses form still needs to be sent out. **Action NB**.

The account signatories still need to be updated. **Action NB**.

It was felt by the committee that FOAF requires internet banking. The treasurer was requested to look into this. **Action NB**.

Events diary.

1. Picnic in the park.

Set for bank holiday Monday 25/8/14. No update from IP. *Post meeting note. This event was cancelled due to bad weather.*

1. Pub Quiz.

To be run by IP and helpers. Suggested date confirmed with Falkners arms is Sunday16th November at approx 7.30.

1. Explorers hedge laying.

Practice required early September. IP suggests practice Wednesday or Friday evening by taking some hazel from the wood. IP to update committee with date after speaking to explorers. **Action IP**.

1. Environment and faith festival/autumn action day.

The festival is from 21/9/12 to 5/10/14. IP provided an email update. The committee agreed that there should be no bonfire to remove waste created form the action day. FTC has agreed previously to remove any waste collected if placed in bags. They need to be told when and where the bags will be accumulated. IP to liaise with SH and JW who have the FTC contact for waste removal. **Action IP.**

It was felt by the committee that more detail was required as to what was going to happen on the action day. It was requested that details of what permissions had been obtained from FTC be given and what liaison there had been with the Fleet Pond Rangers and the biodiversity officer. The committee asked for details of what is to be moved and how things that are going to be removed will be identified. Details are also required of what path will be cleared and how. The committee also need to be informed as to how the action day fits in with the development plan. **All actions for IP, before event.**

1. Skittles.

Set for 10/10/14. Tickets on sale. Advertised in several places.

1. Benches

Update from IP. Cheque dispatched. Order will be placed soon.

Development plan.

Meeting held with chair of FTC. Feedback was generally positive. IP has developed a further version of the plan.

IP has asked if someone could add land registry update. **Action SH.**

IP asked if SH could amend maps if needed to be updated. **Action SH.**

No costs have been included. **Action PC to add costs.**

Fleet Mill field not ideal for MUGA. Present football pitch needs moving occasionally to allow recovery of soil and grass so MUGA not suitable for present large field near football pitch. There is no funding available. MUGA to be removed from the development plan.

IP to ensure MUGA removed from development plan. **Action IP.**

Swing and basketball hoop.

Lions are due to present a cheque. IP has given some dates to the lions as they would like a picture to document the handover of the cheque. FOAF have to contribute to the cost. It is unclear where the money has come from. IP to update committee on the rest of the funding. **Action IP.**

Membership update.

IP gave an email update. 2 new members. PC and SH are continuing knock on doors to get new members. Several ideas were discussed (e.g. discount vouchers for pub and shop (PC to look into), membership packs). A membership meeting is probably required to discuss these. IP to look into the many ideas raised as membership secretary. **Action IP.**

SH and PC asked for a list of members by door numbers and history. **Action IP.**

AOB.

SP has emailed HDC Officers to discuss ownership of alleyways. **Action SP.**

Concern raised over lack of pavement in cove road. There is no pavement but people do walk along this busy road to get to Fleet Pond, garage and bus stop etc. **Action JW and SP.**

PC raised the issue of the dragon’s teeth in the park falling into disrepair. JW to raise with FTC. **Action JW.**

SH has had contact with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust regarding the nature reserve on the other side of the perimeter road. They would like FOAF to join them in a walk around and possible action day. SH to contact to arrange. **Action SH.**

PC raised the issue of the pub fun day on 6/9/14. Volunteers are required to help. SH to email members and give pub numbers. **Action SH.**

NC raised the issue of the bike racks recently installed. They are not in the correct place and are not what was expected. Other versions of racks were expected. IP to contact HCC to discuss**. Action IP.**

Meeting closed at 22.00. Next meeting 17th September 2014, venue tbc.