***MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF ANCELLS FARM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25/02/2013***

ATTENDEES: NATASHA BARKER, NICOLA SAUNDERS, ALYSON CHORLEY, SARAH HOLLOWAY, VICKI BROWN, ISY PATTON, GEORGE WOODS, STEPHEN PARKER

APOLOGIES: HELEN NEWMAN

This was the second AGM for FOAF.

Four committee members have stepped down – Alyson Chorley, Sarah Gorton, John Gorton & Dasa Stevolva, we thank them for their hard work and support over the last year.

Three new members have joined the committee – Vicki Brown, Sarah Holloway & Helen Newman, welcome to them.

ANNUAL REPORT

NS spoke of how FOAF was started in December 2010 by Sarah Gorton and has helped to improve the parks. We are now looking at further community projects and increasing our members, The Falkner’s Arms have always been very supportive.

TREASURERS REPORT

NB advised there was a balance of £1269.07 (credit) at the end of the year. There are still some expenses to pay. Our major expense of last year was the trim trail. We have received funds from council grants, The Falkner’s and other community business groups. Quiz nights have also helped and the balance will give us stability to progress with new projects.

ANCELLS PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This is a five year plan working with the council. We have published a survey to ask the local community what their preferences are for where money to be spent should funds become available. So far we have had 31 surveys back. To date the strongest contender is swings for 4-7 year olds, then a MUGA.

FORWARD PLANNING

The committee wants to raise their profile without financial gain and has the following events planned to do this:

Easter egg hunt & activities.

Action Day to tidy up the trees 13.04.13.

Helping the pub on their fun day 5.05.2013.

Cub litter pick.

Barn dance in September.

Christmas carols.

AOB

Paul, one of the owners from The Falkner’s advised the footbridge update (between the pub & the park):

Gibraltar Barracks are the project engineers and they are meeting on 4.03.13. Looking for approval and hope to open in time for fun day on 5.5.2013. The engineers have a crane that they sponsor pub with and there is a new commanding officer who is very keen to do stuff in the community so it is all moving quicker!

Paul to move forward with GW.