

FRIENDS OF PUTNOE WOOD and MOWSBURY HILLFORT

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12 September 2017 at Mowsbury Clubhouse

Members present: Lyn Caudrey, Martin Fannon, Sue Fannon, Mick Lilliman, Dave Parratt, Diana Readhead, John Wallace, Marion Wallace, Chris Wedge, John Wilkie, Andy Wilkins (Chairman), Allison Wilkins, Jackie Hawkins, Robert Bright, Chris Moss

1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from, Danny Fellman, Helen Wilkie, Nicky Monsey

2 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2017

These were agreed as an accurate record.

3 Update from Country Park Guardians

3.1 In the absence of Danny Fellman, John Wallace reported what information he had:

The "chicane" at the South side entrance to Putnoe Wood had been installed as had a new gate post.

3.2 Marion Wallace reported on the arrangements for the proposed visit by children from Renhold Lower School to the Hillfort. There are to be two visits on the 20 September 2017: one at 9.45am and the other at 1.45pm. Each is to last approximately 2 hours. She has visited the school to ensure the arrangements are progressing satisfactorily. The school has expressed a wish that the children should visit the inner island. Discussion took place as to how, if at all, the Friends could facilitate this. It was decided that the school was responsible for the welfare of the children and beyond giving advise it would be inappropriate for the Friends to be actively involved assisting in the crossing of the ditch.

4 Future Tasks and events

4.1 John Wallace commented that he would remind Danny about the proposed "bat walk".

4.2 John asked who of the members would be interested in attending the Borough Council's "volunteer celebration".

4.3 Future tasks included the cutting and clearance of the Courtyard Meadow on 13 September, also cutting the ramparts, the old orchard and the neglected orchard at dates in the future. The southern boundary marking strip also needs to be re-cut.

4.4 The outer meadow is due to be cut, but no date has been given for this. It was commented that if possible forewarning of this work would be helpful as this would enable the Friends to clear golf balls from the meadow before cutting starts.

5 Financial Matters

John Wilkie presented the Annual Account.

		2015/16		2016/17		
Opening balances	bank	325.23		545.33		
	cash	42.35	367.58	0.00	545.33	
Income		318.00		Sale of notelets	42.00	
		15.19		Easy fund raising	0.00	
		474.00		Ward funding	0.00	
		114.80		Sale of tea etc	60.62	
		209.00		Wassail donations	170.00	
		1130.99	1,498.57	Total income	272.62	817.95
	Expenditure		66.00		Donation to Prebend Street/St John's	145.00
		410.76		Purchase bench	0.00	
		23.76		Web site	24.96	
		70.73		Printing	0.00	
		305.61		Tools and equipment	103.63	
		76.38		Wassail costs	25.46	
		953.24	545.33	Total Expenditure	299.05	518.90
Closing balances		bank	545.33		518.90	
	cash	0.00	545.33	0.00	518.90	
Carried forward			545.33		518.90	

7 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8 Date of next meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 14 November at Mowsbury Clubhouse

Please note that we have been informed that we will not be able to use Mowsbury Golf Club as a venue for our meetings in the future. We are currently looking for an alternative meeting place.