

FRIENDS OF PUTNOE WOOD and MOWSBURY HILLFORT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 June 2018 at 14a Woodfield Lane, Renhold

Members present: Jon Bishop, Lyn Caudrey, Martin Fannon, Sue Fannon, Sue Gadsden, Mick Lilliman, Chris Moss, Dave Parratt, Diana Readhead, John Wallace, Marion Wallace, Jane Warner, Chris Wedge, Maggie West, Helen Wilkie, John Wilkie, Andy Wilkins (Chairman), Allison Wilkins

1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Robert Bright.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 12 July 2017 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

3 Report on the work of the Friends of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort for the year

Andy presented the report.

- Children from Renhold Lower School visited Mowsbury Hillfort on 20 September 2017, and children from Hazeldene Lower School visited Putnoe Wood on 23 April 2018.
- A group from Orchards East ran a surveyor training day at Mowsbury Hillfort on 14 April.
- The Wassail on 9 January 2018 had been a great success with the Hemlock Morris Dancers leading the proceedings. A donation of £165.86 representing the profits from the event was given to the Bedfordshire and Northampton Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Barkers Lane, Bedford.
- Officers from Natural England and the Borough Council had visited the Hillfort on 4 April to review progress against the Higher Level Stewardship agreement. The Friends continues to work with these partners, and with Historic England and the Wildlife Trust in managing the Hillfort.
- Chris Wedge was thanked for leading the annual butterfly count, and Chris and Lynn were thanked for leading the annual plant identification survey of Mowsbury Meadow.
- In Putnoe Wood, the annual coppicing was completed at the end of 2017 and opened up a large area for new growth of wild flowers and plants. The Management Plan for the Wood is coming to the end of its term and will require revision and reissue.
- The redundancies of Nicky and Danny, two of the three Priory Rangers the Friends have depended on for advice and support, were noted with regret.
- Andy thanked office holders for their work over the past year, and all members for their active support with the work of the Friends group.

Andy also reported that agreement had been given for building 380 houses on Graze Hill, and 40 Houses on Cleat Hill. At the moment, no development is planned for Renhold or Freemans Common.

4 Report of the accounts of the Friends of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort for the year.

John Wilkie presented the annual accounts.

Friends of Putnoe Wood and Mowsbury Hillfort					
Annual Accounts as at 12 June 2018					
		2016/17		2017/18	
Opening balances	bank	545.33		518.90	
	cash	0.00	545.33	0.00	518.90
Income		42.00		Sale of notelets	0.00
		60.62		Sale of tea etc	41.15
		170.00		Wassail donations	210.19
		272.62	817.95	Total income	251.34
Expenditure		145.00		Donation of Wassail Donations	165.86
		0.00		Meeting Room Cost	7.45
		0.00		Donation to Beds Bat Group	50.00
		24.96		Web site	31.15
		103.63		Tools and equipment	0.00
		0.00		Leaving gifts	37.90
		25.46		Wassail costs	44.33
		299.05	518.90	Total Expenditure	336.69
Closing balances	bank	518.90			433.55
	cash	0.00	518.90		0.00
					433.55

4 Election of Officers

Chairman

Proposed by

Seconded by

All members present in agreement

Dave Parratt

Chris Wedge

Jane Warner

Task & Events Co-ordinator

Treasurer

Secretary

Proposed by

Seconded by

All members present in agreement

John Wallace

John Wilkie

Helen Wilkie

Jane Warner

Chris Wedge

5 Any Other Business

None