



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park Meeting: Friday 14th January 2022

Minutes:

Present: Keith Taylor, Eric Styan (Treasurer), Keith Page (Secretary), Claire Partleton (Chair), Janet Weatherburn, Janice Robson, Dave Gordon (NTC), Dennis Nelson, Pat Nelson, Chris Tallack (NTC)

Apologies: Val Watson, Vivien Fenn-Webber

Minutes 10th December 2021 - Matters Arising

S.106 Monies

Kp updated the meeting re s.106 monies from housing development at Station Road North. Kp and CP are meeting - on 27th January - Neil Hodgson (New Overall Parks Manager) and Jackie Hunter (Biodiversity Officer for NTC) and Cathy Davison to progress woodland thinning issue. Kp to continue to ask Sam Dand about progress on s.106 spending.

Canopy

Kp & CP have met Stephen Gibbinson (Centre Manager) and SG is waiting for others to get back to him.

Pond Reed Clearance

Kp & CP meeting Jackie Hunter and will ask for further update. This should now be done this month.

Red Squirrels

No update.

Northern Power Grid/Flight Diverters

CP to follow-up.

Donation Box Painting

The Donation Box paint still to be done. ES to check if we have any paint - if not we'll just buy some.

Treasurer's Report

Bird Food Donation Box in café £12. Duck Food £16.50, Yellow Box £12.60, Other Duck Food £14.60. Currently have £65.56 in cash and £1633.19 in

bank. Other monies to come in from the Christmas Raffle and further Calendar Sales. ES updated the meeting re bank details and signatories.

Calendars

Update: £489.60 Printing Costs; £250 Sponsorship; £330 Bakery Sales; £361.25 Café Sales; £55 Other Sales; Total £996.25 less £489.60 = £506.65 plus any Residual Sales to come.

Fund-Raising Raffle:

Sales Total £140 less 10%. Massive thanks to CP for huge work in doing this!!!

Facebook Page

CP and JW updated the group - some issues remain with 'Participant Requests'. CP trying to get Facebook to deal with the queries.

ASDA entrance. Still awaiting progress on this issue. CT said that the design is done, just waiting for 'when'. Kp to follow-up with NTC.

Meadow

No update this month.

Natural History Museum GenePools Project (pilot study)

CP informed the meeting that the Lily Rose Pond and Stephenson Pond have been sampled and the results should come in the Spring. The water quality in Stephenson Pond was quite poor.

Bird Watch Weekend 28th Janusry

ES said we have some feeders but they are quite remote. Es asked if we could have some together. Meeting agreed. ES said that, via Mark from Education Team, a representative from Percy Hedley had been in touch re putting up extra bird feeders and boxes. ES to invite the representative to our next meeting.

Great British Spring Clean

This is 25th March to 10th April 2022. Friends Group will be involved in organising something for this. CP to liaise with CT.

Parking Honesty Box

DG informed the meeting that NTC weren't keen and it would have to be an NTC Senior Leadership Team decision. Regrettably, idea cannot be taken forward at this time.

Extra Charity

Reminder JR is collecting used postage stamps which will be sent to the RNIB to support their fund-raising efforts. Can people please support this by saving used stamps and bringing them along to our meetings? Any supporters, please drop them off at the RSCP Centre for JR's attention. Thanks.

Other Considerations (AOB)

10MPH signs

Kp informed the meeting that some of the 10MPH signs on the entrance road from next to ASDA had been removed over time. Kp to take it up with Highways.

Volunteer E-mail

Kp informed the meeting that we had been passed an email from a gentleman keen to volunteer. ES to contact the potential volunteer.

Public Rights of Way (PROWs) on the Park Extension

Kp informed the meeting that not all paths on the Park Extension were PROWs and many were 'Permissive Paths' and the difference was explained.

Allotments on the Park Extension

Kp informed the meeting that the plans to build a further 38 houses on the Northern Edge of the Park Extension had been abandoned so the pylons would not be coming down or the cables 'under-grounded'. Instead, the original plan to install a number of allotments under the cables/pylons would go ahead.

Gardening Group

JW asked about the Gardening Group. CP informed the meeting that the Gardening Group still meet on Thursday mornings.

Date of Next Meeting:

Friday 11th February at 12 mid-day at the RSCP Centre.