



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2025

Present: Claire Partleton (Chair), Janet Chapman, Eric Styan (Treasurer), Janet Weatherburn, Amanda Williams (Minute taker), Martin Huttly, Jan Casson, Vivien Fenn-Webber

Apologies: Keith Taylor (Secretary), Chris Tallack , Elaine Elliott, Amanda Bennett, Asda Reps.

After the apologies were noted, the Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as a true record.

Tree Planting:

- NTC have agreed to purchase more Mulch mates.
- The Woodland Trust has approved our application for another 420 trees. Arrive date November.
- Maintenance of the trees already planted is ongoing and will be combined with a litter pick. Claire was able to confirm that some of the trees do now have leaves.

Brass-Rubbing Plaques/Interpretation Board:: The committee agreed to purchase 4 of the brass plates showing different types of leaves and 5 of the resin plaques (4 wildlife and one the RSCP logo). Education Team will be asked to select the 4 wildlife plaques (**AP1**)

Regarding the Interpretation Board more discussion is needed to agree the content of the board once the plaques agreed. (**AP2**). NTC and the Outdoor Education Team to have final approval on new board design.

AGM preparation: Claire has scanned all relevant documents . Eric confirmed that he has all the relevant financial documents

Perspex Artwork Screens:Electrical safety checks have been carried out so we now have the go ahead to put up the display. Claire agreed to clean the screens (**AP3**) and Eric will drill the necessary holes (**AP4**). NTC still need to agree to the final display before they can be erected. Vivien agreed to write a short note to be displayed with the artwork explaining their history. (**AP5**)

Plan: Amanda W has made a few amendments to the plan to make sure people can clearly see deadlines and identify ongoing work. Janet C asked if a smiley face could be used on the plan to show completed activities. Amanda agreed to trail the use of smiley faces.
(AP6)

Treasurer's Report: The Final End of Year Accounts have been completed. Eric confirmed that there is an end of year surplus of £355 giving total end of year balance of £4885.67

Update from North Tyneside Council (NTC): No update this month but it was noted that the FRSCP scarecrows for the summer fair should be started ASAP (AP7)

Forthcoming events:

1. Coco's **Carrot Quest** commenced today until 28th April
2. **Nature Discovery Walk:** Thursday 17th April. As its half term it will include pond dipping activities.
3. **Litter-Pick:** 28th April
4. **City Nature Challenge 2025:** The annual four day global bioblitz nature hunt starts On 25th April

Other Business:

1. **The Great British Spring Clean** - in total 86.5 bags of rubbish were collected
2. **Farm Information Board.** Vivien raised the fact that the information board has been removed by NTC. Unfortunately no one from NTC was present at the meeting. However Eric confirmed that new boards had been purchased by NTC
3. Janet C mentioned that NTC had agreed that the local church could run a **Forest Church** in the park.

Next Meeting: Friday 9th May, 12 noon @ Countryside Centre, RSCP. This will be the AGM.