



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park (FRSCP) Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 2026

Present: Claire Partleton (Chair), Amanda Williams (Secretary) , Pam Davies, Elaine Elliott (NTC), Brandon Mason (NTC), Janet Chapman (Rising Sun Neighbours).

Apologies:, Keith Taylor, Eric Styan (Treasurer), Vivien Fenn-Webber, Jan Casson, Chris Tallack (NTC), Pixie Phelan (NTC), Janet Weatherburn,

Action Points

1 Invertebrate trail and Interpretation Board :

This action has been ongoing since September 2025 so although the committee has not had formal feedback from Education about the trail leaflet it was agreed by the committee that the trail will be launched on 18th April as part of the Community Planning Alliance Day of Action.

Elaine agreed to progress chase with Pixie about the interpretation board.

2 .Heritage research sub group: Action Closed. Amanda and Claire set up the sub group Terms of Reference and a brief description about the group. Comments received have been addressed.

3. Duck Food and Signs: Signs have been completed and installed . However, NTC wishes to move the duck food to a new location which requires the wall checking for electric cables before it can be moved . (March AP1)

4. Rising Sun Farm : Action Closed. We have received clarification of the points we raised . The Friends do not plan to take any further action.

5. National Federation of Parks and Green spaces (NFPGS) / Community Planning Alliance, National Day of Action

Last month the committee agreed to take part in the day of action, which is being organised by the Community Planning Alliance on 18th April . It has been agreed that the event will be a “rubbish” nature walk, a low key litter pick while appreciating the nature in the park.

For more information on community planning alliance see -
https://communityplanningalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/260219_Day-of-Action_Campaign-Pack_Feb26.pdf

6. NTC update

Tues 26th May - Emergency Services Day. NTC asked if the Friends would like a fund raising stall at the event. As few volunteers attended the meeting it was decided to consult with the volunteers via whats app group.

This year there will be no Summer Festival. Instead a number of small ticketed events , such as circus school , will be arranged.

The **Green Flag** judging day is 8th May

7. Plan:

The AGM will be next month on 14th May. Amanda will liaise with Eric to ensure Catherine Wilson gets the papers in plenty of time to complete the audit.

8. Finance

Treasurer was not present so no finance report

9. New Actions

FRSCP Missing equipment- a number of items have gone missing. Some have been found but the main item still missing is the bag for the shredder. The shredder was purchased with grant funding but cannot be used without the bag.

NTC said that they have requested a new lock and a key pad on the Volunteer room as well as a key log to record its use.

The FRSCP have cleaned the volunteer room but an inventory of FRSCP equipment and belongings is needed. Jan and Pam will do a inventory (April AP1)

Litterpick protocol - Following communication issues at the Spring Clean litterpick a H&S briefing and risk assessment has been completed . The comments on the draft documents have been addressed. It was reiterated that all FRSCP litter picks must start at a central area so that everyone can have the safety briefing . Also a trolley will be used so that it is easier to remove rubbish bags and to carry the sharps and electronics bucket.

Starbucks have agreed to attend the litterpick on 27th April

Bug House - It was suggested that the area recently cleared by the volunteers would be a good location. It was also suggested that the group funds could be used to purchase additional items such as bee tubes.

12. Forthcoming Events

- **Litter Pick next regular date** - 27th April
- **National Federation of Parks day of action** - 18th April
- **Nature Walk.** 2nd Monday of the Month. Next one 13th April

This relaunch will not be widely advertised this month

A risk assessment has been completed for the walk but not reviewed yet.

Claire will circulate it for comment.

13. AOB

- Claire mentioned seeing pipe cleaners on trees in the grounds and the wider park which are damaging for wildlife and the environment . Brandon said he has removed them when he sees them but it's unclear which group has been doing it.
- Amanda mentioned ideas for the wildlife garden that she had seen at a National Trust garden .
- It was suggested that because the Library Bus is no longer available, the FRSCP could run story telling sessions in the quarry. Research is needed around DBS .
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**Next Meeting: Thur 14th May 9.30 am Countryside Centre, RSCP.
This will include the Annual General Meeting**