



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park (FRSCP) Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2026

Present: Claire Partleton (Chair), Eric Styan (Treasurer) Amanda Williams (Secretary) , Janet Weatherburn, Pam Davies, Brandon Mason (NTC), Pixie Phelan (NTC), Janet Chapman (Rising Sun Neighbours).

Apologies:, Keith Taylor, Jan Casson, Elaine Elliott (NTC), Stephen Gibbinson.

Acceptance of April's Minutes - Minutes need amending to record that Treasurer's report had been issued .

Action Points

1 Interpretation Board :

This action has been ongoing since September 2025 . No progress has been made since last month due to staff shortages in the Education Team. Pixie (NTC) agreed that the Friends should go ahead and approach manufacturers .

2. Duck Food and Signs: Duck food has been relocated to a position on the counter. ACTION CLOSED . (March AP1)

3. Inventory of Friends Equipment : Ongoing (April AP1)

4. DBS check for story telling (April AP 2). DBS check is not needed. However, the group is too busy to take this forward this summer. Keep idea on back burner ACTION CLOSED

New Actions

5. Remaining Front Bed: The small area by BT access cover. The committee agreed to improve this area but no agreement on what or how to plant this area. Thank you to Roz for all the hard work she has put in on various design plans for this area. The Park Team suggested that the focus should be on using native plants in the planting scheme. Pixie (NTC) mentioned a presentation from Wildlife Trust that shows how you can use wild plants in a formal way , which might be a suitable option for this space as it is in shade with poor soil. Documents from Pixie attached. Action ongoing (May AP1).

6. Review of Committee Whats App Group: The group has some members who no longer attend and at least one regular attendee who is not included. Claire will review and action (MAY AP2)

7. Review of “new” day and time of committee meeting : It was agreed that current arrangements should stand

8. Printing and photocopying: Due to NTC team restrictions on printing and the desire to reduce the Friends use of paper, it was agreed that Committee minutes would no longer be placed on the notice board but would only be posted on the Website. It was suggested that a QR code could be placed on the notice board to redirect people to the website/Minutes. Brandon agreed to look into free QR codes (MAY AP3).

Printing of the invertebrate trail was also discussed . The Friends have been picking up the printing costs for this and printing on home printer. However, Pixie thought that the Friends may be able to use the NTC print service. This will be looked into (MAY AP4)

9. Emergency Services day FRSCP activity: The friends will use plant pots and compost donated by Asda and herb seeds provided by Roz to make DIY home herb kits to sell at the event. Cards and bird boxes will also be sold. Janet Chapman also has some bird boxes to donate.

4 FRSCP volunteers are available on the day.

10. NTC update

Green flag verbal feedback was positive . Formal feedback due June or July. Pixie (NTC) thanked the Volunteers for all their help over the years.

11. Plan: No action needed this month . In June the Wigloo is scheduled for a trim

12. Finance : See AGM for report

13. Forthcoming Events

- **Litter Pick next date** - 25th May
- **Emergency services day** - 26th May
- **Nature Walk.** 8th June

13. AOB

- The grass in the Sycamore gap cage is long.
- Heritage bricks (40 to 50) from Rising Sun Brickworks. Looking for ideas . Suggestions have been a bird bath plinth , a path and a border.
- Eric suggested that a fence at the start of the path leading from the car park (near the tool shed) might improve the look of the area and make it safer for kids.

Next Meeting: Thur 11th June 9.30 am Countryside Centre, RSCP.

