Friends of Rising Sun Country Park (FRSCP)
Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th Oct 2026

Present:, Eric Styan (Treasurer), Amanda Williams (Secretary) , Jan Casson ,Janet Weatherburn, Ruth (NTC), Elaine Elliot (NTC)

Apologies: Brandon (NTC), Claire Partleton ,Pam Davies

Amanda Williams chaired .

Acceptance of Sept Minutes - agreed

Action Points

1 Interpretation Board : Claire hasn't been able to have a meeting with the chosen production company , Acorn Workshop yet.

2. Heritage Bricks - Following the loss of a number of the bricks, we discussed how we should continue with the project. Amanda has been offered some replacement bricks if needed from a local brick collector, who also suggested ways to secure the bricks. We agreed to continue with the edging project. Eric will order the metal edging and mortar.

3. New Item

The Water Butt in the Bar-B-Q area is broken . A replacement is needed. The committee agreed to purchase a new one for £29.99 from BnM, however, after the meeting ,Chris (NTC) suggested that he could remove one of the FRSCP Water Butts from the allotment that could then be used in the Bar-B-Q area.

. NTC update

- Christmas events 28th Nov. The FRSCP will have a table at the event in either the foyer or exhibition room. Currently 48 stalls have expressed interest for the Hadrian room
- Elaine checked that the Volunteers had enough Hi-Viz vests
- Butterfly gates are back in position
- The “cabin” in the woods has been removed by NTC

4. Plan

No items in need of attention this month
Amanda agreed to add the action “ replace the whips “ against the wigloo on the plan (AP 1 oct)

5. Finance :

Purchased duck food and paper bags for the duck food

£70 has been taken from the calendar box and £32.03 taken from the duck food box

Calendars selling well. More have been given to the cafe. Eric suggested that a nudge on Facebook would keep up the momentum. Amanda agreed to issue a post (AP2 Oct)

£192.03 Cash
£4437.11 in Bank

6. Forthcoming Events

- **Nature walk** - 12th Oct
- **World Fungi Day** : 10th Oct The Big Fly Agaric find. A citizen science project that anyone can get involved with. It has been posted on Facebook.
- **Litter pick -** 26th Oct
- **Xmas event** 28th Nov

The committee discussed Ruth's suggestion from last month about making Christmas displays using the pots donated by Asda. Ruth didn't think that her original idea of doing Christmas arrangements was suitable due to the Xmas fair being in November. After some discussion it was decided that Eric would purchase some Tete a Tete bulbs and if the FRSCP planted them in the pots next Thursday they should be ready to sell on 28th Nov, (AP 3 Oct)

10. AOB

- Eric reported that Northumberland Estate had completed fixing their bridge

Next Meeting: 12th Nov 9.30 am Countryside Centre, RSCP.