



Friends of Rising Sun Country Park (FRSCP)

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th Sept 2026

Present: Claire Partleton (Chair), Eric Styan (Treasurer), Amanda Williams (Secretary), Pam Davies, Jan Casson, Janet Weatherburn, Janet Chapman (Rising Sun Neighbours), Ruth (NTC)

Apologies: Elaine Elliot (NTC), Keith Taylor, Brandon (NTC)

Acceptance of Aug Minutes - agreed

Action Points

1 Interpretation Board :

Claire shared the proposed wording with the Committee via email and the Committee's comments have been taken into account. The wording is agreed.

Claire put a request out to the community's photographers for high quality photographs. People have sent in photos as well as offers of help.

There is enough material to produce the interpretation board and a smaller board for the wildlife garden. The smaller board would be explaining how people can help wildlife in their own garden. It would replace the old board in the wildlife garden.

Claire's research suggests that the board should be 40 % text and the rest visual. Claire produced rough mock-ups for both boards, which the committee agreed.

Claire has a meeting week commencing 14th Sept with the manufacturers. The Committee will have 3 opportunities to alter the professional mock up once it is commissioned.

2. Inventory of Friends Equipment : Amanda will amend the Inventory to identify those items purchased by FRSCP and others from Grow and Eat as well as removing consumables

3. Heritage Bricks - Stephen (NTC) has given permission to use the bricks as edging in the wildlife garden. Committee agreed to purchase some membrane and metal edging

4. Butterfly gate - The gates have been re-galvanised. Chris will replace the gates back on the Waggonway entrance shortly.

5. Calendar - Cost to produce was £289.22 (incl VAT). They will be sold in the Cafe in the Centre Grounds (cash only) and at the Bakery in the farm (cash or card). The price is £6 each or 2 for £10.

Stephen has agreed that the cafe will sell them as usual, cash only. They are now on sale. They have been advertised on Facebook and the notice board. The contributors will get a free calendar to be collected from NTC reception. They have been contacted via Facebook

6. NTC update

Volunteers needed for Christmas event on 28th Nov 11- 3

7. Plan:

No items needing action this month

8. Finance :

Duck food has sold well. Eric has taken a total of £60 from the donation box. 2 large sacks of duck food have been purchased . Also wood stain and 2 large patio weeding knives have been purchased

£96.15 in cash. £4726.33 in the Bank.

9. Forthcoming Events

- **Nature walk 14th Sept** - The topic will be Signs of Autumn plus will undertake 2 Citizen Science Waxcap surveys (Plantlife and NHSN). The waxcap is under reported in the North East of England
- **World Clean up day** - Sunday Litterpick starting 10.30 on 20th Sept
- **Litter pick - 28th Sept**
- **10th October** World Fungi Day : The Big Fly Agaric find. A citizen science project that anyone can get involved with. It has been posted on Facebook.

10. AOB

- What do we want to do for the Xmas fair ? - Amanda will check with NTC that we have a table at the event. Ruth offered to mock up a Christmas arrangement in one of our donated pots that we could then sell.
- The Heritage project has been contacted by a gentleman and his son. The man had been a warden in the park in the 1980s and wishes to share his memories with the group.
- Discussed the need to purchase a outdoor pan and brush but it was thought that it was for NTC not the friends
- Eric has been chasing Northumberland Estate to get the hole in the bridge on their land fixed as the problem is getting worse

Next Meeting: 8th Oct 9.30 am Countryside Centre, RSCP.

