

**FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 24 May 2012 at Landbeach Village Hall**

Present:

Brian Barber, Anna Bilton, Graeme Bilton, Phil Clark, Frances Dipper, Dannie Gambell, Ray Gambell, Melanie Hale, Robert Humphrey, Ruth McArthur, Margaret Patterson, Rowland Patterson, David Pell, Robert Stripe, Guy Warren.

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Peter Johnson

**1. Report on activities over year by acting Chairperson Phil Clark**

Phil reported that we were still undergoing the formal setting up procedures. During the year we had undertaken some ragwort clearance. We had also participated in a Village Hall event to promote groups who use the hall.

**2. Report on finances of FOWM**

Phil Clark acting as chairperson said that at present we have no bank account, however this could be addressed following the adoption of a Treasurer at this meeting. Phil could then provide funding in the region of £2400 for the group from his budget. He suggested that this was used to acquire tools, hiring the Village Hall etc. but not used for site management.

In view of this pending funding it was decided not to levy a subscription this year.

**3. Election of Management Committee**

Chairperson. Frances Dipper was proposed by Dannie Gambell and seconded by David Pell. Unanimous vote in favour.

Treasurer. David Pell was proposed by Robert Humphrey and seconded by Melanie Hale. Unanimous vote in favour.

Secretary. Robert Humphrey was proposed by Frances Dipper and seconded by Robert Stripe. Unanimous vote in favour.

Ordinary members. Phil Clark, Ray Gambell, Robert Stripe and Guy Warren expressed a willingness to stand and were all adopted.

#### **4. Adoption of the Constitution**

A copy of our Constitution was circulated with the agenda for this meeting. It was unanimously adopted without amendment.

Ray Gambell asked if consideration could be given to amending Clause 4a) to make membership available to those under 18 years of age. It was agreed to consider this at our July meeting but a formal amendment could only be made at the 2013 AGM.

#### **5. Any other business**

Frances Dipper asked if the contact details of all those at the meeting could be circulated.

Frances Dipper said we should consider having our own website. To be discussed further at next meeting.

Robert Humphrey said that he would email all those on our mailing list who were not at the meeting a membership form. For those who did not return it he would keep them on the mailing list until they indicated otherwise.

Thanks to Phil for leading our walk, Frances for her talk and Elaine Humphrey for providing the refreshments.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

Our next committee meeting is on Thursday 12 July at 7.30pm in Landbeach Village Hall.

#### **Other Notices and Events**

Our Bat walk is on Tuesday 12 June starting from the Village Hall car park at 9pm.

Our moth-trapping event has been provisionally fixed for Friday 10 August. Guy Warren to confirm later.

Prior to the meeting Phil Clark led a walk of Worts Meadow assisted by

- Jane Andrews-Gauvain, Biodiversity Outreach Officer at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre and Olivia Maes and Lizzy Edson of the same organisation.

This was followed by a talk by Frances Dipper on recording wildlife in Worts Meadow. The main points of which were:

- We need a biodiversity inventory for Worts Meadow to see how many species are there and, with this information, how we can maintain and improve the site.
- For each record we need when, what, where (grid reference if possible) and by whom.
- Records to Frances by email. She will then collate the information onto a spreadsheet before passing to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre who will in turn pass it to the National Biodiversity Network.
- There is help with any species which the finder has difficulty identifying. [www.ispot.org.uk](http://www.ispot.org.uk) is useful for uploading photo's for other people to identify. The Field Studies Council Guides are a useful reference source and it was suggested we purchase some of these to start a library. We also have some expertise in the membership who can be consulted.
- Although records for Worts Meadow will be kept separately we should also record species in the rest of the village in particular gardens and the churchyard.