

The Friends of Littleheath Woods

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15th January 2020 at 42 Farley Road, 7.30pm.

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Present: Ian Leggatt, Chris Hyde, Peter Underwood, Shirley Shepherd and Brian Stone.

Apologies: Sean Walsh.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting. Agreed

3 Treasurer's Report. Chris reported the current balance as £5,742.65. This includes Councillor funding of £1,150 which will be spent in 2020 when TCV will carry out further improvements to Foxearth Path. It was noted that both Brian and Cyrils Chainsaw Certification expires May 9th 2020. Efforts to find a suitably priced and agreeably located refresher courses are proving difficult. Noted that Croydon Council advise that they are not able to fund the refresher course. Peter is exploring the possibility of a 1 day refresher. TBA.

Action PU

4 Health & Safety.

Nothing to report.

5 Any Other Business (from last meeting in italics) with updates:

a) *Signage*: Three additional signs on Croham Valley Path, Littleheath and Gee paths have been constructed and await erection. Ian to seek Council view on a 3 fingered signpost in Clears Croft at the entrance from Brent Road before seeking quote(s) for construction and erection.

Action IL

b) *Nature Trail*. Ian to contact Friends of Selsdon Woods for first hand experience. Shirley and Chris to rewalk route in late Spring 2020. The possible use of the 'TiCL' App to be discussed at next meeting.

Action IL

c) *Moth trap*. Peter to pass trap on to Ian / Chris to attempt a repair.

Action PU

d) *Ponds*. Chris to receive planting proposals from Adam. It was noted that Adam had offered to fund the supply and erection of an interpretive signboard to be situated at Keyhole Pond. We await proposed copy from Adam.

Action AA

e) *Timetable for contractors work: The new Maintenance schedule is confirmed as : Fields Conservation Cut (CC1)– once annually in September. Fields Paths and Periphery (GR3) - May, June, July, August and September. Footpaths generally (FP2) – once annually in July. 'All time periods are flexible to a degree depending on weather and ground conditions'. The Committee agreed to closely monitor the timely performance of the contractors and report back to the Councils Monitor with any deficiencies. Noted that Fields paths cut in May is the first activity of the year.*

Action All

f) *Dog Bins*: 3 additional dog bins have been requested - top of Queenhill Steps, top of Ingham Road and in Clears Croft, adjacent to the sub station. Meike has provided name of Council contact but advised that we need to evidence our request.

Action IL

g) *Committee membership*. Noted that our appeals and searches had yielded no volunteers. It was agreed to discuss the issue at the AGM.

Action IL

h) *Creation of Rides*. Chris confirmed she had provided advice to interested parties and erected notices on Fields Path. Discussion ensued regarding weatherproofing the laminated notices.

Action CH

i) *Queenhill Steps*. Chris offered to provide contact details for Council Highways representative to Ian. Ian to chase Council.

Action IL

j) Shirley updated the committee on the current 'dangerous dog' situation.

k) ACCS Meetings – Peter advised he would cover for FoLW at the ACCS meetings but could not attend the next meeting (22nd Jan)

l) Open Days:

Millers Pond open day is to be 18th July, 12 – 4pm. Chris, Peter, Brian and Shirley can attend.

Selsdon Wood open day is 6th September 11 – 4pm. Ian, Brian and Shirley can attend.

m) Noted that the Scouts were conducting a Council assisted Litter Pick on Saturday 8th February on the Edgecombe Border 10 – 12. Friends are invited to join in.

Action ALL

n) **AGM**: Tuesday 5th May 2020 7.30pm for 8pm start, Venue: Selsdon Baptist Church, Addington Road.

Next Committee meeting: Wednesday 18th March, 2020, 7.30pm, at 42 Farley Road.