



FRIENDS OF THE WILDERNESS

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Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 19th April, 6.30 pm
Town Hall, High Street, Skipton, BD23 1FD

MINUTES

Present

Chris Rose (Chair), Alison Stewart, Steve Warren, Jenny Dean, Lynne and Steve Adams, Liz and Alan Simson, Graham Shuttleworth, Mark and Jean Williams, Paul and Lucy Irven, Ed Whittaker

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held 4th June 2019

The minutes were approved as a true record of what transpired at the meeting held on 4th June 2019.

3. Treasurer's report

Jenny updated on the meeting on progress made with gaining access to the bank accounts. Three signatories are required. In the last financial year the only purchase made was £99.31 for the insurance. The balance remaining in the account is £2,332.93

4. Chair's Report

The Chair thanked new members for attending the meeting this evening, it was wonderful to see some new faces, alongside long standing members of the group. The group is now re-established, progress has been made on some maintenance, including the repair of some of the steps. And thanks to everyone who helped on the working party day, where excellent progress was made with cutting back some of the overgrown brambles.

Thank you to Mark and Dale from the Town Council Estates Team, who have been a big help when needed, and who are always very quick to respond.

Alison also gave an insight into how Forest School use the Wilderness, and the positive impact it has on the children that take part. This is giving children experiences that they might otherwise not get at home, builds self esteem and confidence, and impacts on many aspects of the children's development.

5. Constitution - Proposed Changes

Proposed by Chris Rose to remove the section in 6.1 stating that Members may be charged an annual subscription. This was seconded by Alison Stewart and was unanimously agreed.

6. Election of Officers

Those present at the meeting proposed and agreed to the following appointments:

- a. Chairman – Chris Rose
- b. Secretary – Jenny Dean
- c. Treasurer – to be appointed at the next meeting
- d. Education and Liaison Officer – Alison Stewart
- e. Conservation Officer – Steve Warren

It was agreed remove the follow from the Bank Mandate Andrew Scott (deceased), David Parker and Joel Henderson. The bank account signatories were unanimously agreed to be the Chris Rose, Jenny Dean and the Treasurer when they are appointed at the next meeting.

In his role of conservation officer Steve reported to the group that he would be doing some work on Saturday morning to cut back more brambles. Some concerns were raised regarding low nesting birds. Jenny will get some advice from Dale and Mark and report back.

Ed has made some birdboxes. Steve and Ed will liaise regarding making more boxes and the best materials to make them in.

Steve will find out how much it will cost to reprint his book about the Wilderness.

Anyone who would like to be added to the litter picking rota contact Jenny and she will pass your details to Steve.

The dead hedge will need some more work to build it up, and possibly more wire on it to make it more difficult to remove the branches.

Some low-level fencing on the Otley Road side may help with people taking short cuts through.

A group site visit could be a good idea in the Summer as the last one was in the winter.

7. Annual Subscription (paragraph 6.1 of the Constitution)

See item 5 above.

8. Quarterly Meeting Dates

Next Meeting Date was agreed as the 7th June 2023

9. Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting

April 17th 2024

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm