

Friends of the Flich Way and Associated Woodlands
Notes from Committee meeting of Wednesday 18 May 2022, Great Notley

Taking part: Alan Trigg (Chair), Stan Davies (Vice-chair), Sandra Reynolds (Secretary) and Committee member Graham Dalby, Tom Hamilton (Ranger).

Apologies for absence: Margaret James (Treasurer), Wendy Moss, John Moss, Bob Wright

Approval of Minutes of 6 April 2022 - Agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising and review of Action Points from last meeting.

Closed actions:

AP19.1 Sandra the info boards at Stane Street and Bannister Green Halt are at the printers

AP19.2 Sandra the trailer should be delivered by the end of May.

Carried forward from previous meetings and ongoing:-

AP11.1 No update on Countryside development. Sue Wilson has asked Neil Jones about S106 funding for a bridge over the Blackwater (12/01620/FUL) and Sandra has followed up with an email to see how we can move forward.

AP16.3 Bob has written to SRC quarry and has not had a response and will contact them again.

New Actions:

AP20.1 Sandra to submit planning comments for park home development in Rayne and ask for contribution.

AP20.2 Alan will contact J Oddyn & Sons and order 10 4x4 x 6ft green treated fence posts and get 48mm key clamp wall plates to secure the scaffold poles which should increase longevity of posts.

AP20.3 Tom to confirm if he has any white barn paint.

AP20.4 Stan will liaise with Pete Lane about equipment requirements and submit a grant request.

AP20.5 Sandra to contact Susan Barker about alternative funding for wooden statue in Garnetts Wood.

Alan Trigg - Chairman's report:

There has been a work party at Langford Halt on 12th May where we completed the final tasks with 8 attendees. Pete Blaney and Alan spoke about parking at the cottage and we need to ensure we ring him prior to each visit especially if the dates change.

Long standing volunteer and member Gloria Joslin is leaving. Alan rang and thanked her on behalf of the Friends for her service over the years and wished her well.

Margaret James - Treasurer's report

Our bank balance as of 17th May 2022 is £9,894.22 in our current account with £4,011.41 in our savings account making an overall balance of £13,905.63

We have received £58.15 from PayPal which is not yet in our bank.

EDF are increasing our direct debit to £113 per month in order to cover our usage

Since the 1st of April I have paid £206.67 into the bank collected from the Carriage.

Margaret James - Social Activities report

I have booked Friday July 29th for a trip on the Ongar railway. Full details will go out to all members next week.

I have also spoken to Pat from the Invitation to View booking office and will be arranging a trip to Stanstead Bury in September..

Sandra Reynolds - Secretary's report

Online statistics - 1,379 web page visits and 2,425 page views in last month. Facebook shows 2,236 'likes', up 37 since the April meeting.

Planning Applications

UTT/22/0267 Land at Tilekiln Green Start Hill as a depot for Wren Kitchens. Awaiting decision.

UTT/18/2049 & UTT/22/0703 Land south of The Street, Takeley for 8 houses which were agreed on appeal. They have submitted planting schemes which would block a historic access way between

Dunmow Road and Hatfield Forest, crossing the Flitch Way. We have objected along with the park rangers, national trust and parish council. Awaiting decision.

UTT/21/1683 Takeley Station creation of 5 bed HMO and new house. Applicant has appealed the decision refusal. No additional comments made. Awaiting inspectors decision.

UTT/21/3272 The Squires 90 houses at Little Canfield. Awaiting decision. Highways have supported our request and have asked for £56,150 for surfacing, drainage etc and a single access to the Flitch from the development.

UTT/22/0391 Land at Highwood Farm, Buttleys Lane for 14 self-build houses. Objected as concerned about increased traffic down lane to Flitch Way. Highways have commented and recommended that access be by via the adjacent new development rather than via Buttleys Lane

UTT/21/3596 Moors Fields, Station Road, Little Dunmow. Application reduced from 180 to 160 houses. No further comments made on top of our request for £100k to improve route to Great Dunmow including bridleway bridge over Chelmer. Awaiting decision.

UTT/22/0007 Solar Farm on 114 hectares adjacent to Great Notley Country Park. Objection made. Awaiting decision.

BDC 22/00864/FUL Rayne. Over-55 site for 79 park homes. Discussed at the Committee meeting.

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Wendy Moss - Work Party report See Chairman's report

Stan Davies - Railway Carriage report

The new carpet as laid on 20 April. The Carriage has been open for 45 sessions since last meeting with 7 different volunteers/stewards and 341 visitors. £166.43 collected from donations and sales.

Stan Davies - Footpath group (P3) report

6 April. Footpath clearance at Stanway Green

13 April. Replaced 2 bridges at Little Green

20 April. Continued footpath clearance at Stanway Green

4 May. Replaced 2 bridges at Great Waltham.

Tom Hamilton - Ranger's report

The park ranger team are still very understaffed. Future parties will held at Bannister Green Halt, Stane Street Halt and White Colne. The halts need a lot of work as many of the fence posts have rotted.

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Any Other Business

Additional equipment for Footpath group. AP20.4 Stan will liaise with Pete Lane about equipment requirements and submit a grant request to Graham Butland.

Funding for new Mr Garnett carving. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our attempts to get art funding as there were many applications.

AP20.5 Sandra to contact Susan Barker (local councillor) about alternative funding for wooden statue in Garnetts Wood.

Stan successfully applied for funding of £300 from BDC to help set up a community litter picking hub which will be managed by the Booking Hall café. This was less than expected so the Friends are prepared to fund 40 litter pickers.

Following the AGM on 6 May 2022, Stan has updated the Charity Commission website with Income and Expenditure details and removed Val Blamire from the list of Trustees.

Next meeting

Wednesday 14 September at 2 pm Sandra's house

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman thanked everybody for their contributions and brought the meeting to a close.