**MINUTES OF FAA COMMITTEE 07/11/2023**

Present at 8 Colneis Road - Nev Farthing (Host), Claire Smith, Claire Mackinder, Peter Constable, John Austin, Paul Weavers, Guy Pearce, Keith Horn.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ray Martin

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted as distributed.

The mystery surrounding pellet holes in Hut 39 has been solved being the result of our marksman aligning his gun sights in front of the hut.

There is no additional information regarding Felixstowe in Flower 2024.

The BBQ held on 10th September was seen to be a success with 50+ people attending.

School visits are being well received.

We now have a letter box affixed to the shop

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 3.1 Ferry Road Gate**

A barrier is still in place and will likely be there until year end while we await the FTC appointed tree surgeon to carry out necessary work.

**Item 3.2 Solar Panels**

John Austin has been investigating. There has been no meaningful response from the supplier and they require us to specify the requirements before proceeding. A second contact via Nev may be able to offer a way forward. Project ongoing.

**Item 3.3 Road repairs and Speeding**

CP roadways are being badly eroded by both the wet weather and traffic. Temporarily suspending the one way system was discussed together with restricting vehicle access to site, however no decision was made. This will be an ongoing issue requiring management.

FTC are supplying 10 tons of materials to effect road repairs at a cost of £330.

We may need a second load funded by the FAA plus materials for FR.

Working parties are proposed for Fri 24th and Sat 24th November.

Speeding is still a problem on site.

**Item 3.4 Newsletter**

The newsletter will be produced shortly to include reminders regarding the Kings seed ordering process and for people to pay their FAA membership fees, due January 2024.

Photographs from the pumpkin competition and school visits are required for the newsletter.

Guy will be contributing an article on roadway repairs and school visits to both CP and FR.

**Item 3.5 Shop, FAA Membership, Kings Seed Order and Potato Orders**

Kings report 44 online orders to date however we note it is still early and members may be holding off ordering until a later date.

Potato orders are in, it's a large order shared with Capel Allotments, 247 bags have been ordered with 27 additional across the range which will be shared out as additional sales. Delivery end December with FTC facilitating delivery to CP from Capel. The value of our order is £760.64 allowing for a profit of £187 plus spares for sale in shop, £94.50 assuming all sold.

Claire Smith has produced bag labels, we need to check there are enough potato bags.

Our order for onions is ours alone, as Capel does not handle onion orders. We are going to Kings, buying in 5kg bags, delivery early January, assuming a profit of £70.

FAA membership fees are being collected separately, BACS, cheque or payment in the shop, a form is available on the FAA website.

The shop will now close from December and open 13th January 2024 for potato order collections. Last Saturday in November will be the final opening of 2023.

Goslings have agreed to supply 15% discounted Humax compost in 60Lt bags at a price of £5.35 or three bags for £15.30, proof of FAA membership will be required.

Compost is part peat based

1. **PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Since FTC stopped joint FTC/FAA allotment inspections there has been one inspection carried out by Jannine from FTC with Nev being asked to attend.

There has been no update from Persimmon regarding the delay in planting the boundary fence area or fencing proposals.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Current Account £946.63

Deposit Account £15528.90

Cash £127

174 - 2024 membership renewals to date.

Our OFCA affiliation fee is due, £25 and the affiliation form needs submitting, John Austin is our representative, Steve to ensure the form is submitted.

Room hire is £15 per session.

Guy will be formally standing down at the AGM with Paul taking on the role, Guy and Paul will manage the handover.

1. **EVENTS**

The November OFCA meeting will host a talk on the Royal Observer Corps

There will be a coffee and cake meeting at Hut 39 on 16th December.

Coffee and cake will continue through next year, five events commencing April 2024.

It was decided to Cancel the April 2024 meeting at OFCA to be replaced by the above April Saturday Cake and coffee at Hut 39.

The last OFCA meeting will be the AGM to be held in March 2024, with cheese and wine together with a quiz.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

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Tuesday – 16th January 2024 – 19:00 - 8 Colneis Road.