

Minutes of FPBNR AGM Tuesday 8 September 2020 @ 6pm by Zoom

Hazel Bolton, (HB) Group Coordinator, welcomed everyone for joining the meeting and set out the guidelines for conducting the meeting by Zoom.

Attendees: Hazel&Robert Bolton, Rob Dewey, Sharon&Ken Sheather, Sue&Graham King, Andy Teague, David Elder

Apologies: Morgan Woodland, Alison Crane, Chris Sturgeon, Peter Niblett, Gordon Keith, Ali White, Cathy Tudor

Approval of Minutes from 2019: Proposed: Andy Teague (AT) Seconded: Sue King (SK)

Matters Arising: HB raised the following matters – the AGM should have taken place in July this year but due to Covid-19, had to be postponed to today and conducted online.

It was hoped that someone with website expertise would help update the FPBNR website but this did not materialise – we would continue the search.

It would not be possible to hold an Apple Day event in its usual format in October 2020.

Treasurer's Report: (Financial accounts for FPBNR for 2019/2020 were distributed before the meeting.) Rob Dewey (RD) explained that we hadn't raised much this year but we still have a healthy bank balance of £3200. We do not have to renew memberships anymore as we just have a one off payment of £15 for Life Membership.

Insurance has gone up a small amount this year.

Financial accounts approved - Proposed Hazel Bolton      Seconded Graham King

Group Coordinator's Report: (Report distributed in advance) HB referred everyone to her report. She mentioned that although a single Apple Day event would not take place this year, it would be recognised with a Poster containing ideas and suggestions, a quiz /activities related to Apple Day – Sharon Sheather (SLS) will work on this.

HB drew everyone's attention to the Cheltenham Lottery as a way of supporting the Nature Reserve. 50% of every ticket goes to FPBNR and you could win £25,000.

HB would like to encourage more people to come along to the monthly Working Parties.

Another issue mentioned was the 'land grabbing' and high walls but it was felt there was little else we could do at this moment in time,

Election of Officers: HB was happy a to continue another year as Group Coordinator, there were no other nominations for this post.      Proposed by AT      Seconded RD

RD was happy a to continue another year as Treasurer, no other nominations for post.

Proposed by AT      Seconded SK      Both posts unanimously supported.

Committee members to remain as 2019 - Sharon Sheather, Andy Teague, Sue King, Graham King, Duncan Siret, Katherine Latimer, Peter Niblett, Cathy Tudor,

AOB: No matters received

Date of next AGM will be July 2021. Hazel concluded the AGM, thanked everyone again for attending, Sharon for taking Minutes and Ken for hosting, and introduced David Elder who had made an uplifting video about the Nature Reserve.