

## D R A F T

Friends of Gilcrest Wood and Meadow

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17th MAY 2017

#### **Present**

Cath Richardson. Colin Halden. Mary Axelby Graham Axelby. Teo Greenstreet Vanessa Roberts. Helen Parker. Fran Allen. Graham Challey? Rowan Moorwood. Janet Moorwood Jenny Sewell

#### **Apologies**

Richard McQuinn James Ellwood Debbi Siva Jothy Sue Alston and Amanda ?

#### **Acknowledgement**

Teo Greenstreet (Chair) acknowledged the death of committee member Judy Beckingham in June 2016. It is the group's intention to plant a tree in her memory. (September /October Workday) Following discussion regarding a bench and plaque Teo to clarify with Ranger Chris Roberts and let Graham Axelby know outcome.

#### **Chairmans Report**

Teo reported the following achievements and work completed

- Eleven Ranger Workdays
- Two Family Events (a BBQ and Picnic)
- A Christmas Family Event (Jolly Holly)
- 140 whips of Guelder Rose Goat Willow Common Dog Rose Blackthorne and Hawthorne types planted as a hedge behind the bench and in front of the building site.
- Update on Canterbury Crescent building
- Completion of new "Nursery" footpath
- Monitoring of regrowth of Japanese Knotweed
- Monitoring of collapsing boundary wall - ownership of which is unclear
- Successful application to Sheffield Council for further funding
- Maintenance of FOGWAM website

#### **Sivil Building Development Update Phase 1/11**

- Monitoring of Tree Protection Order
- Monitoring of Japanese Knotweed on the site border. Mr Sivil had sent written confirmation to the Council that the site was now clear
- Drainage from site was discussed at a meeting on site with John Gilpin (Sheffield Council) and Oliver Singleton (SUDS). The plan involves a drainage pipe through the boundary wall; a drain channel along the north side of the footpath and flowing under the footpath to follow the line of the current spring which flows down the hillside. It is planned to implement a system of 1.5metres wide swales down to the current 'pond' area at the bottom of the slope and from there into the main conduit on Crimicar Lane.

## Issues Arising

- Definition of a swale a depression to slow the flow of water planted up with suitable wetland type plants.
- Graham Axelby asked if there was any further information about '106 Monies' arising from the development. Teo reported that we were waiting for Sue Alston to let us know. Teo would advise Graham when this information was received.
- ? Whose responsibility was it to investigate drainage
- ? Whose responsibility was it to prune the fruit trees
- ? Bat boxes
- ? Unknown sapling planted at entrance.
- ? Would native plants be used in the swales
- ? Potential location of Judy's tree
- ? Boundary wall improvements as an ongoing task if it wasn't our wall

## Any Other Business

- Ongoing clearance work behind the garages
- Further work on wildflower patches at front entrance
- Leylandi by Castlewood Drive / Garages entrance now quite tall and whose responsibility were these
- Family Art Day with leaf stencils etc suggested
- **Management Report Proposed** by Teo Greenstreet (Chair)  
Seconded by Helen Parker
- **Treasurers Report Proposed** and Accepted
- Website issues raised by Graham Axelby
  - ? Copywrite. FOGWAM
  - Spelling mistake
  - Incorrect AGM minutes 2015 instead of 2016
  - Stream of letters not fitting.Teo to update.
- Graham Axelby reported that there had in the past ? been a proposal to sell the Council allotments bordering the wood to 5 houses on Crimicar Lane is this going to happen ? Money to FOGWAM or Council

## New Management Committee proposed

Proposed members: Teo Greenstreet (Chair) Richard McQuinn (Treasure) Helen Parker and Vanessa Roberts.

Seconded Graham Axelby

Fran Allen volunteered to join  
Proposed Teo Greenstreet  
Seconded Graham Axelby

?? Debbie

**Story of the Woods Presentation and Display.**

Teo acknowledged contribution of stories and photographs of the 'history' of the site. Rowan Moorwood particularly credited for his 'Saving of the Footpath from Canterbury Crescent' story and photographs. Stories could be viewed on the display boards.

Meeting Closed