

## Minutes of a meeting held on Wed. 16th November 2005

Present: D Ward, E Hughes, M Smith, M Hood, R Ketley, R Saywell

Apologies:- S Crabtree, J Ketley, N Marshall, J Hughes, A Thompson.

M Smith took the chair at this meeting

1. The secretary informed the meeting that Pat and Bob Ellis had resigned from F O S P. He then read a request from the chair to the effect that any issues or grievances should be raised at committee or to the chair in person rather than someone feeling aggrieved and resigning as a result

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

a Debbie has had no response from the RSPCA re the black swan although numerous messages had been left. The chair suggested that the Potterick Carr nature reserve may be able to help

b. 3 members had attended the hanging basket demonstration and reported an enjoyable event although not particularly well attended.

4. Funding

a. The weather lottery leaflets had been distributed to all members and we need to push the lottery and get people to join. We need 50 members to get our deposit back and then the more we get to join the more funds we will acquire.

5 Policies.

Sandra had confirmed that regular meetings with Craig Waugh had taken place regarding the policies needed for our protection, The Data Protection policy draft was submitted to the meeting and approved with the addition of a clause at the end of point 6 viz. Details will not be passed to a third party, unless express consent has been given in writing by the member.

6. Russell presented the wardens report on work carried out and plans for the winter programme.

7. Other business

a. Sandra had made enquiries re a carol singing evening in the park but found that so much preparation in the form of insurance, risk assessment etc. that this should be shelved for this year. Debbie supplied some samples of specimen applications.

b. A Christmas card competition had been set up by Sandra to include a scene from the park. A prize would be awarded to the best entry.

c. A proposed letter head design was shown to the meeting for approval and it was felt that the basic design was O K but felt the printing within the swan design could be a little larger

d. The sec. reported that the display board with photos and articles had been displayed for a week in the Gala bingo auditorium. Some leaflets had been taken but none returned.

8. Date of next meeting.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY (the 14th) BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS BEING CLOSE TO THE USUAL DATE. A MINI XMAS PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING AND MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING ALONG A LITTLE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON.