

AGM 2011 Minutes

Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook

1 June 2011, held at 39a Chalmers Road, Cambridge

Minutes taken by: Zoe Harris (new member)

Members present: Monica Frisch (Committee), Judy Webb, David Brooks (Membership Secretary), Merlin Fox (new member), Shona Douglas, Jón Fairbairn, Dana (new member), Phil Anderson (new member), John Collins (Chair), Glynn Philips (new member), Jane Philips (new member), Ian Simmons, Sue Wells

Non-members present: Simon Bunn, City Council Drainage Engineer

Apologies: Holly Anderson, Anne Cleasby

1. **Agree minutes of AGM 2010**

Minutes agreed. One change to be made to the correct spelling of Jon's surname to 'Fairbairn'.

2. **Matters arising**

None.

3. **Chair's report**

The next group litter pick will be scheduled for February 2012. Thanks to David Brooks for his daily lone litter pick.

Thanks to David Brooks for the entertaining newsletters throughout the year.

The proposed interpretation boards are progressing. Monica confirmed that the design had been agreed in February – a copy was circulated to the group. The City Council will be producing and paying for the boards – they are currently consulting with the design agency. The two boards are hoped to be installed soon, one at Burnside junction and the other at the Dawes lane bridges.

The boards are supposed to be vandal proof. Simon Bunn commented that whilst the council made every effort to make vandalism difficult it was not always possible to prevent it.

It was confirmed that a botanical survey had been completed in the past to inform the board.



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It was queried whether the north point on the map actually pointed north - Monica will check this and liaise with the Council.

The consultation with Sainsbury's has not been effective and needs more work, no progress has been made in the past year. Sainsbury's are unwilling to enter into any correspondence and there has been no response from the General Manager. The Sustainability section of Sainsbury's website could be targeted but hasn't been yet.

Simon Bunn commented that the Council have not had much success either. The council have met with landscape architect at the brook and discussed protection of the area. Sainsbury's have a legal responsibility to maintain the condition of the water in the brook under the system of 'riparian rights'. The Council have responsibility for the path and shared responsibility for the waterway. Simon intends to write another letter from the City Council to Sainsbury's outlining their responsibilities, John noted that FoCHB would offer any support as necessary.

Phil suggested asking local councillors to support the cause.

After representation to the Council, toad kerbs have been installed on the pavements.

The new website is now active and Jón Faibairn is the webmaster.

There has been no outcome to the consultation of whether Burnside should be included in the conservation area. Simon said the Committee would not sit until June 21st.

The CNHS 'Converzazione' exhibition will be held on 17/18 June. Monica has booked a stall for FoCHB at the event and helpers are welcome to man the stall. The information posters were displayed for members.

Merlin offered to circulate the event details to members of Cambridge Conservation Volunteers.

The pdf. of the poster is to be attached to the website.



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There will also be a pitch at Cherry Hinton Fair on the 15th October - members welcome to volunteer for an hour to monitor the stall from 1.00 - 17.00.

The next FoCHB litterpick is to be on 6th November, starting 10.30 at Burnside. Details to be posted on the web.

4. **Proposed changes to constitution**

None proposed this year.

5. **Election of Officers and Committee**

David Brooks - Membership Secretary

- Nominated by Anne Cleasby
- Seconded by Monica Frisch

Monica Frisch - Committee Member

- Nominated by John Collins
- Seconded by Sue Wells

Jón Fairbairn - Webmaster

- Nominated by John Collins
- Seconded by David Brooks

Stuart Newbold - New committee member, former local councillor, secretary of the Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall, and secretary of Cherry Hinton Residents Association.

- Nominated by David Brooks
- Seconded by Monica Frisch



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Zoe Harris - New committee member

- Co-opted by David Brooks

John noted that anyone who wishes to join the committee can nominate themselves or another member can co-opt them.

No objections were made to the above nominations - a unanimous vote.

Sue asked for any volunteers to assist her in the treasurer position.

6. **Financial report**

The treasurers report was circulated, the balance stands at £1,096.00.

A grant was received for the signboards which may be spent.

Jón submitted a fee for the domain name (£9.40) and there will be a possible charge for web hosting (£23.00).

7. **Members subscription for 2011/12**

Subscriptions will remain at £2.00 annual membership.

8. **AOB**

None

