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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 24th March 2016 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the 26th May 2016. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

Should anyone have any items for the agenda please contact me before the next meeting so that a revised agenda may be circulated.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 26th May 2016.

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes

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Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 24th March 2016
4. Matters Arising from previous meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers report
7. Report from Ranger service
8. Update / discussion -
 - Projects
 - Other information / updates
 - Wildlife Update
9. Safety Issues
10. Any other business
11. Date / Time of next meetings
 - date for next meetings
 - 14 July 2016
 - AGM date to be agreed

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING 24th March 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Smith, RS (Chair), Cllr Ann Stott, Viv Ashworth, K Mills, F Mills, N Eves

OFFICERS

Mr A Clayton, Ranger service

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

2. Apologies for Absence

Steph and Nigel Mills, Tony Rumbelow, Pat Carline, Rae Street, Joanna Dobbs, Jean Bogg, Elizabeth and Barry Cropper, Peter Thornton, Jill Greenwood, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Jim Taylor, N

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Correction of minutes for last meeting, Mr and Mrs Mills had not been registered as attending the previous meeting. Subject to the amendment, the minutes were approved as a correct record. Cllr Ann Stott and Vivian Ashworth.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not due for discussion under the agenda items.

5. Correspondence

Items, referring to the Rakewood Road ditch and the children's play area (Enviro Gym) has as yet had no positive reaction from Environmental management. Ann Stott agreed to contact them and report back.

6. Treasurers Report

Main Account - £4533.17
Project Account - £11.56

7. Rangers Report.

A report was received that listed work that has been carried out and what is due to be done in the coming weeks. Please find attached.

8. Any other business

A member asked about the Akzo - Nobel site, Cllr Ann Stott said that Millars builders were in discussion with Woodford Land Ltd and also the planning department.

Contact has been made with Environmental Management about the erosion of the Ealees footpath and has yet we have not received any positive response.

Ray Smith reported that the CCTV cameras on the bird feeders and the new bird box were to be installed on Friday 25th March. He also reported that the tree sculpture had been completed and was creating much interest with the public.

The relocation of the trim-trail equipment was still on hold as we are waiting for our request to place it in Hare Hill Park to be agreed by Township. A full update should be available at the next meeting.

9. Date for next meeting

26th May 2016 at The Visitors Center, 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded

The Rangers have been working on the following projects at Hollingworth Lake over the last 2 months:

- Second batch of arboretum trees have been planted, and the site almost clear ready for rotavating and re-seeding.
- The large border along the Lake to the Pavilion Café has been sprayed off. This will become another wildflower bed. The seed will be sowed in early April
- The slabs under the bench in the Friends garden have been re-set to stop wear and tear.
- The work to move the carpet bed from the quarry is under way. We will be re-cycling the materials to create a "Bee Garden" next to the Visitor Centre.
- The Rangers have met with CVS to try and get some more volunteers – specifically those that will want to help with wildlife gardening
- The new sculpture in the orchard has been completed (kindly funded by FOHL and Red Rose Forest (city of trees)). It has caused quite a stir, with hundreds of people taking photos. More sculptures/carved benches have been paid for, and will appear over the next few months.
- The Green volunteers have tidied up the woodland - cutting out dead wood and coppicing hazels. Some of this product has been given to local schools and community groups, and will be used to run den building courses and forest school sessions.
- The Rangers organised a fruit tree Grafting course. The skills learnt will help the volunteers and Rangers graft heritage fruit varieties onto root stock, and will allow us to provide cost effective trees for local orchards
- A Natural Dyeing course has been delivered for green volunteers. Making natural dyes out of berries and leaves, this dye was then used at the Pavilion orchard event on 28th Feb as part of the celebration of the new community orchard and new sculpture