



Minutes of Meeting. IMMC 7.30pm 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 St Martins Centre

Present Ann Williams, Bryan Williams, Alex Olah, Camilla Olah, Elizabeth James, Naomi Willows-Rough, Colin Chapman, Neil Graham  
Apologies Claire Ford, Maggie Rowlands,

Circulation to above, and Hilary, Dave & Joan Hayes, Andy Mather, Heather Lloyd, Sid. and Mary Lewery and Nicola Bradley.

Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

Breathing Places - Ann advise that they were conducting routine check and required, Freda, the nominated referee to return a questionnaire before 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. (After the meeting Neil contacted Freda and arranged a meeting with Ann on Thursday morning. )

The Shed and contents. Insurance has yet to be arranged. Bryan will contact the NFU.

Alex noted that the steel jointing pieces for one of the marquees were not in the shed. No-one had any idea where they might be. Found in box in shed after meeting.

Ann has sent an e-mail to Harvey to request support on the wood removal / boundary issue in Prices Dingle.

Ann has also written to Nigel Billingham concerning the land issue and the urgency required due to the Colliers Way works being needed shortly.

The kissing gate at the Bungalow Entrance is reported as not closing properly and cyclists are gaining easy access. Harvey is looking into this.

Harvey will supply trees to replace he Brownies trees damaged during drain repair works.

Alex has cleared the bonfire site of nails. This followed a complaint from a visitor.

The Summer Fayre is confirmed as Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Ann has asked Heather if her Brownies will be able to get involved with Maypole Dancing on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Barn Owl Evening is confirmed at 7.30pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The fee is £35. We will invite the public and make a nominal charge in a similar way to the Historians Speaker evenings.

The Bat evening is also confirmed for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 4pm -8pm. The Speaker will be Peta Marshall. Regretably this is not open to the public due to numbers being restricted to 12. Need to invite Dave, Joan, Andy and Heather. The session will include a 1hr visit to the meadows.

Further training type events by/via Pete Bordman will be requested at the weekend to give our working members an opportunity to attend. It was noted that this may not always be possible.

The RSPB advice s to how to manage the Sklark habitat is still outstanding. Ann however has made contact with Roger Evans who advised the following and gave telephone number of a conservation officer.

Each breeding pair typically has a territory of 16\*24 m2  
This equate to 2 pairs per hectare.

All grassland management should cease by April.

Grass to be cut to 6-8 cm

This regime has been successfully trialled and has encouraged both Skylarks and Yellowhammers.

Alex tabled 4 pages copied from a text describing Skylark monitoring methods.

Claire sent word that Ifton Heath Schools Newsletter last Friday had included a request for people to talk to the children on Local History during the week 29<sup>th</sup> March -1<sup>st</sup> April. Ann and Neil agreed to talk about the Ifton Mine. Ann will get in touch with Nicola at the school.

Finally Ann reported that Mary Lewery will not be involved in future Lamplight Events. Mary considers that we now have the expertise to be self steer in future. She will hand over some materials which she has and give us some contacts.

Ann took the opportunity to register a vote of thanks recognising Mary's considerable help over the years.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Next Green Gym Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Next Ifton meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March