

# AGM 2012 Minutes

## Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook

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Minutes of Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook AGM

Held at 31 Chalmers Road, 7.30pm June 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

Present: John Collins (outgoing chair), Holly Anderson (outgoing secretary), David Brooks (membership secretary), Jón Fairbairn (webmaster), Monica Frisch, Anne Cleasby, Zoe Harris, Shona Douglas, Jane Phillips, Glynn Phillips, Merlin Fox and Veronica Greenwood

Apologies: Sue Wells (outgoing treasurer) who arrived in time for the formal business AGM after the guest speaker.

1. Allan Brigham, guest speaker, was welcomed by John Collins. Allan gave a fascinating talk about the history of the Romsey area of Cambridge and the place of Cherry Hinton Brook within this area. He drew our attention to the Cambridge City Council General Improvement Plan (1986), in which the Brook is mentioned as a possible amenity for the locality, and the Cambridge Local Plan (July 2006) which is currently being updated. (Point : Sue Wells will be representing FChB at a consultation meeting for the new local plan on June 16<sup>th</sup>).

Allan advised us to make links with other interested groups which have the brook in their area (eg Friends of Stourbridge Common, Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall) and groups with a wider remit but an overlap of interest (eg Cambridge Past and Present). Also to make contact with local councillors who represent wards which include the brook (eg Paul Saunders Lib Dem City Councillor for Romsey email [Lo\\_maximo@hotmail.com](mailto:Lo_maximo@hotmail.com) who is also on the planning committee).

Allan was warmly thanked by John Collins and the AGM business commenced at 9.10 pm. Sue Wells was welcomed to the meeting at 9.15

2. The minutes of the 2011 AGM were read and agreed as accurate.

3. Matters arising – to be discussed under AOB

4. Chair's report

John outlined the numerous achievements this year and thanked those mainly responsible: 6 newsletters (David Brooks), 2 brook clean ups (one involving staff from Sainsbury's), 1 wildlife walk (Ian Webb of the Wildlife Trust), 2 interpretation boards set up (Monica Frisch), news feature on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire (Tiffany Wallace and Paul Sales), expansion of website (Jón Fairbairn) and Facebook (Zoe Harris and Tiffany Wallace). Two lone litter pickers (David Brooks and Glynn Phillips) were also thanked for their regular hard work throughout the year. Growth of native wildflowers has also been encouraged.

Letters have been written to the Wildlife Trust in support of a grant for improvements to the environs and a successful campaign was run to include Burnside as part of the Romsey Conservation Area .



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In 2011 FChB were represented at Converzatione (and will be again this year) and at Cherry Hinton Community Fair.

One member (Anne Cleasby) represented FChB at the Riverfly Partnership River Monitoring Course. Two of the Partnership (Guy and Rob) are willing to come to talk with our group – Anne will liaise.

In addition the group have monitored interesting or unusual wildlife sightings including water vole, water rail, snipe and grass snake.

5. Treasurer's report (see attached) was approved.

6. Election/ re-election of officers and committee

John Collins (chair), Sue Wells (treasurer) and Holly Anderson (secretary) had all given notice of intention of resignation of their posts prior to the meeting.

New officers were therefore elected as follows:

- Chair: Sue Wells (proposed by Holly Anderson, seconded by Monica Frisch)
- Secretary: Zoe Harris (proposed by David Brooks, seconded by Anne Cleasby)
- Treasurer: Monica Frisch (proposed by John Collins, seconded by Zoe Harris)
- The re-election of membership secretary (David Brooks) was proposed by Shona Douglas, seconded by Sue Wells).

The election of committee members:

- John Collins (proposed by Anne Cleasby, seconded by Holly Anderson)
- Holly Anderson (proposed by John Collins, seconded by Monica Frisch)
- Jane Phillips (proposed by Anne Cleasby, seconded by Zoe Harris)

All above were elected unanimously.

In addition to the above, the committee comprises:

Jón Fairbairn, Monica Frisch, Anne Cleasby, Shona Douglas, John Mc Gill, Stuart Newbold, Tiffany Wallace (a co-opted member, Sue will check to see if Tiffany still wants to be on the committee)

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Dates for the coming year:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June committee meeting to discuss our vision for the local area plan. To be held at 95 Burnside, 7.30 pm



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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November litter pick (already advertised on the website)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 AGM (to be confirmed and then advertised on the website)

Subs to stay at £2 per annum. David thanked those who paid this year's subs and encouraged members to pay £4 for two years.

There was discussion about sending materials via email in advance of meetings so members could be fully briefed.

Sue will circulate any relevant documentation/ feedback from the consultation area plan meeting in time for the next committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Monica thanked Shona and Jón for their hospitality and the formal meeting ended at 9.55pm